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JAPANESE RAIDER REPORTED SHOT DOWN

FOREIGNERS SEE RUNNING FIGHT ABOVE HANKOW

5,000 Students Narrowly Escape Death From Bombs

Hankow, Feb. 9.

Chinese sources state that one Japanese plane was shot down during yesterday's raid on Hankow. The machine allegedly crashed in a ditch at Hsiahsinchi, 35 kilometres north of Hankow.

Damage as a result of the bombing was negligible, although one Chinese soldier was killed at Hanyang.

Foreigners who watched the raid from the oil companies' installations, tell of an exciting dog-fight which lasted ten minutes. It appears one of the raiders became detached from the formation, whereupon Chinese pursuit planes made a bee-line for it. The Japanese zoomed upward, but the pursuit followed.

In the end the raider appeared to come down a few miles away. But he was lost to view. The report immediately circulated that a Japanese plane had crashed, but no definite confirmation was available.

The oil installations are situated about six miles down-river from Hankow, which is just about where the Chinese machines would wait for the raiders to cut them off.

5,000 Students Endangered

Over 5,000 Chinese students had a narrow escape when the bombers came over. They had gathered in Chungmen Park, situated next to the airfield to celebrate "Youth Day" in connection with the world peace movement and were just about to commence the ceremonies when the first Japanese planes appeared. Fortunately no bombs were dropped on the park and after the raiders had left the students paraded the streets of the city.

Apparently a large part of central China was bombed during the afternoon. A foreign report from Ichang states that eleven bombers dropped 60 bombs on the airfield there, though damage is unknown.

Chinese reports state that Shasi, a Yangtze port 75 miles south-east from Ichang, had its first taste of Japanese aerial attacks.

It is believed other cities were also visited, as it was learned that 35 bombers set out shortly before noon from a Japanese aerodrome in the Nanking area.—Reuter.

Hankow Raided

Hankow, Feb. 9. Eleven Japanese planes raided Hankow yesterday at 3 p.m. They bombed Hanyang and Chiaokang, a suburb, scattering their missiles along the railway and lines of communication instead of concentrating them upon the airfield as previously.

The raiders evidently avoided the vigilant look-outs, for they appeared (Continued on Page 12.)

FOREIGN POLICY IS UNAFFECTED

German Assurances To France

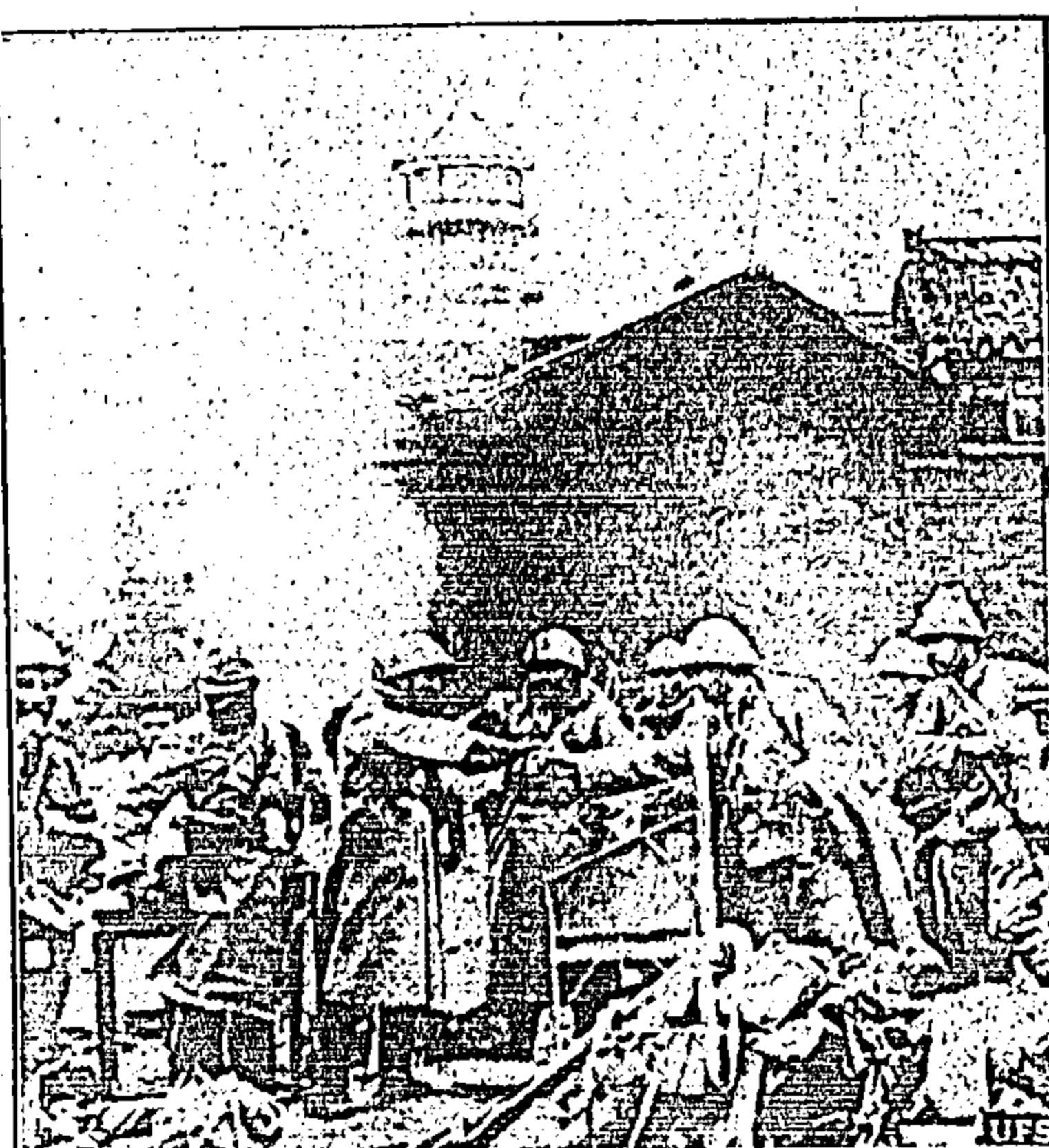
Paris, Feb. 8.

It is understood that the German Ambassador, Paul von Hindenburg, informed M. Yvon Delbos that the recent reforms in Germany implied no change in Germany's foreign policy.

The President of the French Foreign Affairs Committee stated that he could see nothing to be alarmed over in the change in the German Government, and added that it was doing what Britain, France, the Soviet and other nations had done: in other words to institute a concentration of authority.—Reuter.

Japanese Defends Bombing Incidents In China

WINE AFTER BATTLE



These battle-grimed soldiers of Japan pause during operations between Wusih and Nanking for refreshment—hot sake.

CHINESE GENERAL GIVES OUTLINE OF CHINA'S NEW WAR STRATEGIES

Hankow, Feb. 9.

General Chou En-la, famed "go-between" for Communists and Central Government armies, described to the press to-day the changed Chinese strategy and foretold a period of wild and dispersed warfare not aimed at defending Hsichow but preventing the Japanese from consolidating their positions along the coast and on the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

The Chinese plan envisages the following moves:

1. With a strong but not large defending force at Hsichow they will draw the enemy's attention and disperse his strength.

2. They will march a strong force into position in the rear of the enemy and in order to prevent his marching on Hsichow will cut his supply lines.

3. They will organise mobile units to locate and keep contact with the Japanese forces for the purpose of learning the point of attack on Hsichow.

4. They will organise the masses of the people to retard the Japanese by attacking small garrisons;

5. Since the Japanese strength is centred along the Tientsin-Pukow railway, all fronts are now synchronised with the defence lines in that sector so as to divide attention and make difficult an attack at any one point.

General Chou says the Central Government aims at defeating the attacking forces in the north-west, around Ninghsia, in the south-west, or in Kwangtung, where Chinese troops are at present sufficient. Thus the Japanese would be diverted to save their expeditions in other spheres and their strength on the Tientsin-Pukow line might suffer.

This railway must be held by every means at China's disposal, he says. China plans to wage war on every front.—United Press.

Earlier on in an unusually frank discussion on international affairs, Senator Pittman said that "world conditions are progressively becoming worse. So-called authorities have been consolidating and strengthening their war instrumentalities, and democratic nations have been progressively retreating with every indication of pacific fear. The continuation of such courses would have the inevitable result of continued conquests and ultimate war, in which the so-called democracies would be at a disadvantage."

Senator Pittman charged that world conditions had become worse since the Japanese military clique seized rule by "arbitrary power and violence", and he said that Japan was "avowing" a definite answer to naval construction enquiries. The denial that Japan was planning to build 43,000-ton battleships did not mean that she would not build 42,000 tonners.

Senator Pittman said that the invasion of Manchuria, together with the anti-Comintern Pact, the Fascist co-operation for General Franco in Spain, as well as the Japanese request for the largest war appropriation in history, showed how the dictators

were consolidating their war instruments.—United Press.

MR. HULL'S DENIAL

Washington, Feb. 8. Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in a letter to Senator Key Pittman, denied that the United States had any agreement with Britain "relating to war or the possibility of war." He also denied that the United States was bound with any Power in connection with the operations of the United States. Senator Pittman read the letter to the Senate.—Reuter.

88 Smallpox Deaths In Week Here Out Of 101 Cases Reported

Deaths from smallpox last week totalled 88, the highest weekly total since the commencement of the present outbreak.

These figures bring the total deaths since the beginning of the year to 232, out of 323 cases reported. Last week's mortality rate was particularly high, there being 88 deaths out of 101 cases reported.

Again, practically all of last week's cases occurred in the residential areas of Victoria. Eighty-eight cases were reported from the district, twelve from Kowloon and two each from Shaukiwan, Aberdeen and the New Territories.

A further 37 cases reported during the 48 hours ending midnight yesterday bring the total since the beginning of the year to 300.

Fourteen cases of diphtheria, with nine deaths; eleven cases of meningitis, with four deaths; five cases of dysentery with three deaths; five cases of typhoid, five cases of measles and one case of chickenpox were also reported last week.

DIPLOMATS' RECEPTION IS CANCELLED

Berlin, Feb. 8. Baron von Neurath's annual reception to the diplomatic corps, fixed for next Sunday and Monday, has been suddenly cancelled. The official reason is that the reception clashed with other arrangements.—Reuter.

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CHINESE CLOSING ON WUHU

Official Reports
Put Attackers
Three Miles Away

(Special to "Telegraph")

Hankow, Feb. 9. It is officially reported that the Chinese attack on Wuhu is now within three miles of that city. An unconfirmed report states that Chinese planes raided the Japanese lines there and severely pounded the defending troops.—United Press.

SURPRISE ATTACK

Hsichow, Feb. 9. A Chinese "dare-to-die" corps made a surprise attack on the Japanese troops at Fengyang at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Armed with hand grenades the Chinese soldiers stealthily stole near the Japanese camps and hurled their explosives. It is claimed 300 were killed and 20 truckloads of ammunition were destroyed.

Japanese troops launched an attack on the Chinese positions at Liufu, west of the railway, yesterday afternoon. After a two-hour brisk engagement, Chinese reinforcements arrived and drove back the invaders who left 300 dead on the battlefield. The Chinese losses were also great.

Chinese military circles state that the Japanese sustained considerable losses on February 7 when a squadron of Chinese planes bombed Japanese positions at Pengpu and Huiliyan.—Central News.

NO MAJOR CHANGE

Hsichow, Feb. 9. Despite many clashes, there has been no major change on the southern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front during the last two days.

In anticipation of a major battle the Chinese military command has rushed heavy reinforcements to the north bank of the Hwai River and has ordered the defence works there to be strengthened.

Military observers believe that the main objective of the Japanese drive is still Hsichow, the strategic junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and Lung-hui Railways. Besides a frontal attack on the railway, they will continue their fending movement west of the railway. Their activities west of Huiliyan indicate their intention to outflank the Chinese troops.—Central News.

STOP PRESS

NON-INTERVENTION WORK SPEED-UP

London, Feb. 8. Possible acceleration in the progress of the Non-Intervention Committee is understood, was discussed today, when Lord Plymouth saw separately at the Foreign Office M. Corbin of France, Signor Grandi of Italy and M. Ivan Maisky of Russia.

Lord Plymouth will see the German Charge d'Afaires to-morrow, and the Non-Intervention Sub-Committee will meet on Friday or early next week.—Reuter.

SHAMEEN HEARS EXPLOSION OF BOMBS

Canton, Feb. 8. The air raid alarm sounded shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, and later several explosions were heard in the Shamian residents.

At least seven bombs were dropped in districts north of Shamian.

No planes were sighted, due to the dull weather conditions, but the roar of engines was audible.—Reuter.

(Further Stop Press News on
Page 12.)

London Audience Told Reports Exaggerated

British Mediation In Far East Unlikely, Says Baron Tomii

London, Feb. 8.

Official quarters in London are not inclined to attach importance to the rumours of British mediation in the Far East, which is regarded as unlikely.

"Can you justify the bombing of Shanghai and other towns?" was the question put to Baron Tomii, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy in London when he addressed the "1912 Club" in London to-day.

Baron Tomii replied that the bombing incidents in China were much exaggerated. Two hundred casualties in one town were magnified to 3,000. In 1923 Japan proposed to abolish air-bombing, but the proposal was defeated, due to Britain and France. The Japanese army had sacrificed strategic advantages to warn towns before bombing, of what would be their military objectives in those towns. The objectives had always been military points, and they had done their best to avoid bombing civilian populations.—Reuter.

Singapore Naval Base Satisfies

Accommodation Is
Sufficient

London, Feb. 8.

Can the Singapore Naval Base accommodate three 50,000-ton battleships at the same time? was the speculative question put by Mr. R. G. Gorni at question time in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, in reply, said that so far as he was aware, no vessels of that type existed.

While it would not be in the public interest to publish details, the British Government was satisfied that the accommodation at Singapore was sufficient for the demands likely to be made on it.—Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN TO SEE PARIS

Accept Invitation
For Mid-Summer

London, Feb. 9. It is officially announced that their Majesties the King and Queen have accepted with much pleasure the invitation of the French President, M. Lebrun, to pay a state visit from June 28 to July 1.

His Majesty, during his stay, will unveil the Australian National War Memorial at Villiers-Bonneux.

The visit of the British King and Queen is hailed with acclaim throughout France, says a Paris message. It is emphasised in authoritative quarters that great importance is attached to the visit by official France to this latest proof of cordial Franco-British relations. No effort will be spared to make the visit as brilliant as possible.—Reuter.

Japanese Win Flour Monopoly

Big Commercial
Coup Effected
In Shantung

Tokyo, Feb. 8.

A new flour manufacturing concern known as the Shantung Flour Manufacturing Company, with a capital of \$1,500,000, is soon to be established in Shantung.

Sixty per cent. of the capital is being subscribed by the Nitto Seifun Kalsha of Tokyo, and the remainder by the Chen Kee Flour Company of Taiwan.

The enterprises of the latter company are being taken over by the new concern.

The Chen Kee, which is under Chinese management, is now producing 2,000 barrels of flour daily, while the Nitto Seifun Kalsha is at present operating seven Chinese companies in Shihchiachwang, Talyuan and Changting, as trustee in cooperation with the Japanese authorities on the spot. These companies are producing 1,000 barrels of flour per day.—Reuter.

"GOOD LUCK" WISH BY OPPOSITION TO EIRE GOVERNMENT

Dublin, Feb. 8. The annual convention of the Cosgrave Party will be held in private. It is understood that this will be done in order to avoid embarrassing the Eire Government in its present negotiations with the British Government.

One of the first motions on the agenda of the convention is the wishing of every success to the governments in their negotiations.—Reuter Bulletin.

1,400 FOREIGNERS IN THREE YANGTSE CITIES

Hankow, Feb. 9. A careful and conservative estimate from authoritative sources shows that between 1,300 and 1,400 foreign residents are now in the Wuhan cities of Hankow, Hanyang and Wuchang. The figures are exclusive of the personnel of foreign gunboats in port.—Reuter.

Cut this out
and paste it
in your
Cookery Book

LEMON CURD

THIS is a useful standby for tarts and sandwiches. Put 1lb. of butter into a saucepan, let it melt slowly then stir in a pound of caster sugar and the juice and finely grated yellow part of the rind of four lemons. Stir in four beaten eggs and cook very slowly, stirring well, until the curd thickens, then put into small jars and cover. It is important not to let the mixture boil hard after the eggs have been added, or curdling will take place.

Orange curd can be made in the same way, using three oranges and one lemon in place of four lemons.

For a change in tarts, make short-crust pastry cases, put a teaspoonful of finely chopped candied peel at the bottom, cover with lemon or orange curd, top with meringue mixture, and dredge caster sugar over before browning lightly in the oven.

Finnish Tea-
Parties

THE women of Finland are very fond of entertaining, and, as they make perfect hostesses, tea-parties are a popular form of entertainment in Finland during the winter. The Finns by no means rich people, and the housekeeper has to manage on a small allowance, so she does not enterain in an extravagant fashion.

As electricity is cheap, the women can make their flats warm and comfortable at very little cost. Coloured lights make the Finnish homes look charming at night.

The tea-party is a jolly affair. It usually begins about seven o'clock and lasts till ten or eleven. The hostess never over crowds her room with guests, and she knows the art of creating an atmosphere of friendliness.

Tea is served in glasses with lemon. A Finnish teapot is a weird-looking affair. There are two storeys. The upper storey is filled with boiling water.

A side table is laden with all kinds of delicious sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, fruits, and sweets. You eat all evening at a Finnish tea-party.

Every guest takes a present of fruit cake, sweets, or flowers to the hostess. Flowers are much appreciated, for they are scarce and expensive during the long cold winter. Finnish women like all kinds of flowers. They depend upon them to decorate their rooms, which seldom have any ornaments or even pictures in them.

When saying "good-bye" you always thank your hostess for the good things you have eaten, especially mentioning anything that has taken your fancy which you have not tasted before.

If you meet your hostess in the street next day you must stop and shake hands with her and thank her again for her kind hospitality.

M. W.

Reducing Noise
in the Home

THIS is an age of noise and bustle, but it is the minor household noises that play havoc with the frayed nerves of the housewife. Suddenly piercing noises thrust themselves upon our attention, and quite often they are easily remedied.

The slamming of a door, that comes almost like a box on the ears, can so easily be put right. Yet how often is it taken as something we have to put up with? A drop of oil on the lock and a little rubber door-stop will work wonders.

Shrill windows that need vicious jerks to get up or down will glide quite freely with the aid of a little lard and some oil on the pulleys. The one that rattles can be fixed in a second with a couple of small wedges.

We all know the shrill squeak that is inherent in moving furniture. It

is just another of those things that "can't be helped." Just another case where a little oil on the casters would mean a little less wear on faded nerves.

While attending to inside doors, do not forget the front gate that heralds callers with a whine and a clatter. If it slams too hard, the spring needs adjusting until it only just shuts, and half the noise is gone at once. A very loose latch may be another source of noise. Give the hinges a little attention with that universal remedy, the oil-can, and they will no longer whine a welcome to visitors.

It is surprising how tempera improves when these small, irritating things are remedied.

Make up your mind to go round all the household irritants at the

SHALL WE HOBBLE
in the SPRINGTIME?

—asks MARY
GRACE

It is rather thrilling on dull winter days to take a peep behind the scenes and catch a glimpse of what we shall be wearing when spring returns.

A few of the secrets from the dress world are leaking out, and as you will see by the models drawn by my artist, fashion takes a short cut.

Everything points to skirts shortening up, and my pet fabric manufacturer tells me that suits are taking a yard less material.

So we can bank on neat pencil slim skirts. Some of those I have seen are nearly hobbles! "To hobble or not to hobble" is a thought that is exercising the minds of many designers just now.

Let's take the afternoon frock first. This is after all the backbone of the average woman's wardrobe. Fashion interest goes to the top of the dress, necklines are high and waists can find no definite line at the moment.

The most popular style is the high Empire effect, as shown in the top left-hand sketch, with pleated chiffon attractively introduced in the bodice.

The gaunting severity of afternoon styles is offset by the use of softer materials such as lace and filmy fabrics, as well as heavy jewellery of rather barbaric design.

Brooches for instance run to repetition; one at the neckline has its twin at the waist.

Coats have two silhouettes, both on the short side. The full skirt and fitting bodice or the wrap-over style of ten years ago, when we all walked about clutching our hips and hugging our top coats closely about us.

The majority are collarless (or flat fur is used down the fronts), narrow at the neck and widening at the foot, or long-haired fur swirl round the hem.

There is a hint of lower waist-line in the model coat and skirt illustrated. There will be more suits than ever this spring, but with a difference. The strictly classic cut will be the exception, not the rule. Styles will be waisted, softly tailored, more jaunty and youthful.

Jackets will follow the curves of the figure with soft but not crisp revers, and a fluted look to the coat below the waistline.

With these little coats are worn skirts that tend to drain-pipe lines.



NEW COLOURS

PINK clover is destined to be the popular colour for the spring. A blouse of it goes with every navy blue suit. Emerald green and London tan make a fashionable "match."

With black-striped materials in multi-colours give the required contrast. Rose pink and smoke grey are also seen together.

The new high-waisted spring coat with turn-back fronts to show a leopard spot lining.

JUNIOR COLUMN

Ever tried
thought-reading?

TRY a little thought-reading with your friends; they will think you are a wizard.

Sit down a little distance from your audience. Have half-a-dozen small sheets of paper and a pencil on a table in front of you.

Now fold each piece of paper neatly and drop them into a hat. Mix them well, and then ask some one to take out one of the papers and hold it still folded. Then take the remaining five sheets and tear them to tiny pieces and scatter them on a plate.

Tell your audience that in the scraps you can read the name written on the selected paper. When you announce the name, the paper will be opened and found to be correct.

The secret of this trick is that you write down the first name given to you, and after that, no matter what names are called out, you write on the pieces of paper the one first given.

Cheap Eating

DO you want to know of a really economical pet—one that lives on the least food?

Then try keeping moths—they eat only holes.

Can she walk in this? Note how a basqued coat emphasizes the pencil narrowness of the skirt!

Your Daily "Half-Dozen"

THERE are three paramount factors which govern our health—fresh air, diet, and exercise.

Fresh air is essential if the full benefit of the exercises is to be reaped. Therefore, in the summer, exercise, if you can, out of doors, and in the winter always with an open window before you.

Culture from the mental, physical, and beauty point of view is necessary, and one should not be allowed to develop at the expense of the other. I do not recommend daily strengthening of the muscles

as a substitute for sport. The two are entirely different, and each is supplementary to the other.

Exercises of a purely remedial and medicinal nature are performed for a purpose—that of benefiting the strength and the figure. I would go so far as to say that a certain number of exercises, performed every day, are a necessity to all women. It is a strong developer of the abdominal muscles and the small of the back. It is a powerful aid to circulation.

The exercises which I am going to suggest should be called your daily "half-dozen," for there are six of them. They should be performed, if possible, before your bath in the morning. Take a warm bath (not too hot), and follow it with a cold sponge down, which is splendid for maintaining the circulation induced by the exercises.

Rhythmic Exercises

Each of the exercises is calculated to promote a better circulation (which gives a finer skin), respiration, which induces a clean development; and, thirdly, a courage of the internal organs, which aids sound and healthy digestion. In addition, the heart, lungs and joints are kept in good condition, and even development of the figure ensured. They are simple and easy to perform, and in each there is a certain rhythm which gives infinite satisfaction. Do them every morning; make them a habit. It is the greatest persuader force in the world.

(1) Take a firm stance, with the feet well apart and the right hand on the hip. Swing the free arm backwards in a circular motion over

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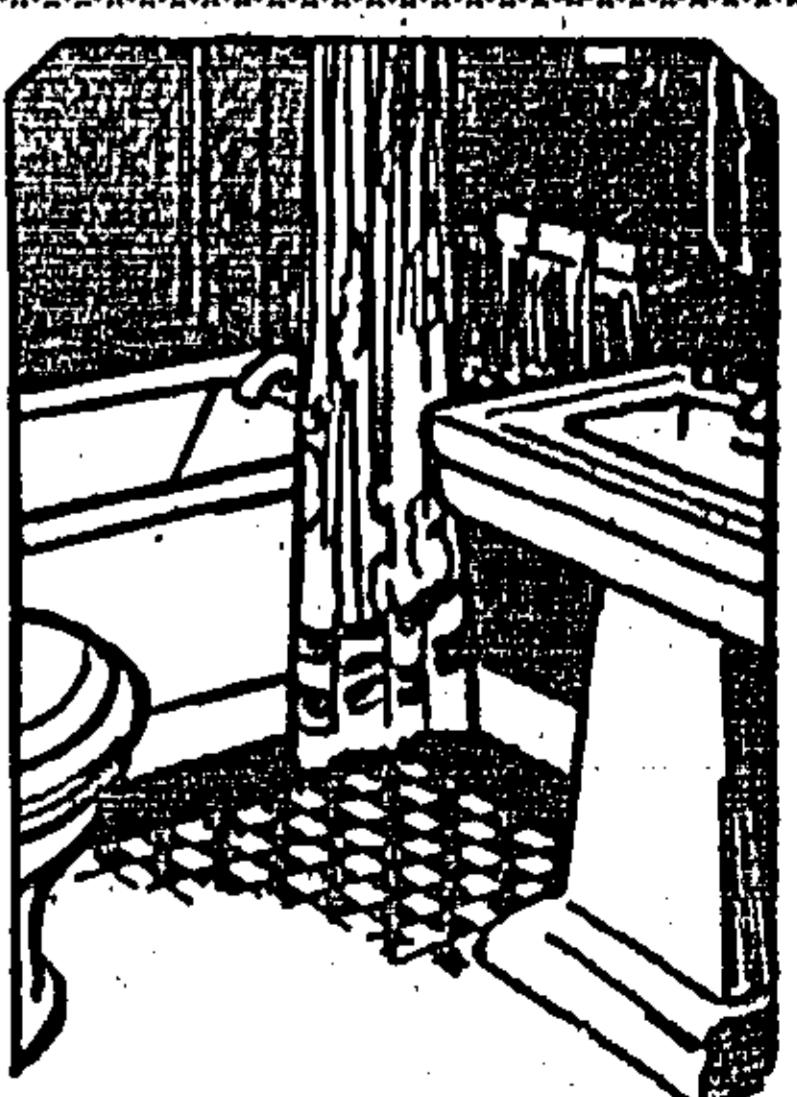
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LAUREL'S EX-WIFE TURNS UP FOR THE HONEY MOON

New York. STAN LAUREL, the Lancashire lad who became the wry-faced half of the Laurel and Hardy comedy team, had a shock to-day when he heard that his former wife, Virginia, refused to acknowledge the validity of their divorce and his remarriage.

Stan and his brand-new wife, the Russian singer Illiana, are honeymooning at Yuma, Arizona, after their wedding yesterday, and late last night the ex-Mrs. Laurel arrived there as well, registered at the same hotel and started to stir things up.

"REUNIONS"

The comedian had received the final papers ending his marriage with Virginia on Friday. As soon as she had registered at the hotel Mrs. Laurel telephoned half a dozen newspapers and announced:

"I don't accept this marriage. We've had several reunions. Stan and I, since the interlocutory decree was granted, therefore the final decree ought to be washed out."

"I'm going to see about this plenty. It was a big shock to me when I heard my husband was married to that Russian. I've seen judges and lawyers and, believe me, steps are going to be taken."

Laurel looked glum when he was told Virginia was in the same hotel and on the warpath. He said: "Yesterday I felt ten years younger. I was overwhelmed by marrying such a beautiful girl as Illiana. This is humiliating, and I just won't stand it. Let Virginia go to court if she feels she has some claim on me. I'll show her."

The Russian bride was flabbergasted. All she said was: "These ees too, too impossible!"

Late to-day Stan and his new wife snuggled themselves on a Hollywood-bound train. Mrs. Virginia Laurel, when she heard they had gone, said she would follow them.

Caught After 18 Years

Wife deserters are finding that South Wales police have long memories.

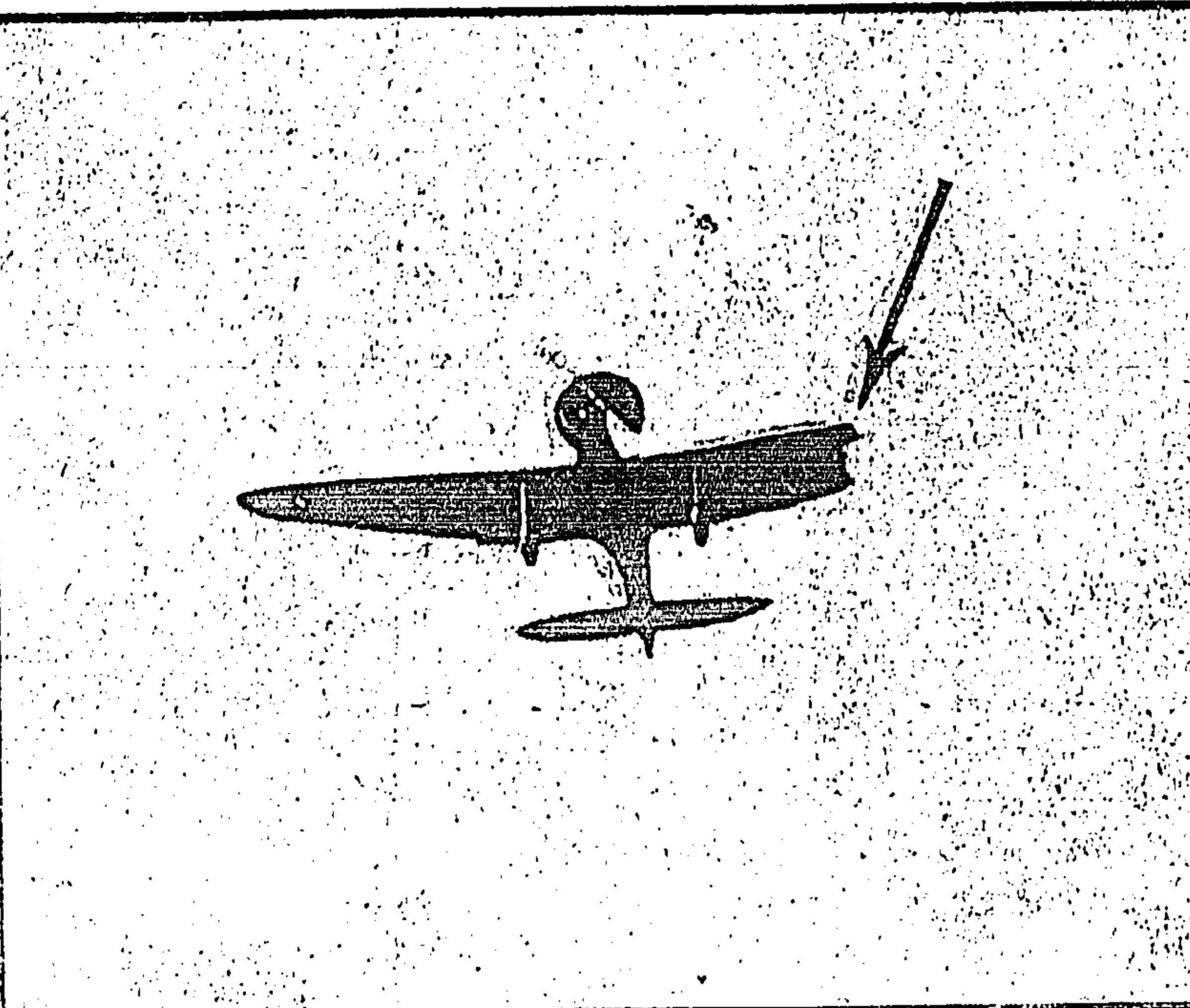
One Welsh husband, now working in London, left his wife and children 18 years ago. They have cost the Welsh assistance authorities £702 7s. 6d. to maintain.

The man has been apprehended and fined £10 or two months.

Welsh police do not give up easily in cases of wife desertion.

Deserters who have thought themselves safe in Australia, Canada, or South Africa have often been confronted with their liability to maintain wives and children in Wales.

THIS WARPLANE MADE AIR HISTORY



Here is one of the most remarkable pictures ever taken of an aeroplane.

It is of a Japanese naval machine. It flew over Nanchang, dropped in a power dive bombing the Chinese there. Anti-aircraft guns fired at it, and part of one wing was broken off. Arrow shows the damage done by the shrapnel. In spite of this, the pilot got his plane on even keel and returned to the Japanese base.

Trophies Returned To Inniskillings

London.

Silver of the officers' and sergeants' messes, of the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, was returned to representatives of the re-formed battalion in London this morning.

The side drum lost at Le Cateau in August, 1914, which was found by a French peasant, who hid it from the invading Germans, and returned it to London through a Canadian officer, was also returned.

When the battalion was disbanded in September, 1922, the trophies were deposited in the museum of the Royal United Services Institution, in Whitehall, on condition that they should be returned should the battalion ever be raised again "in the English service."

UNIQUE COLLECTION

Practically all the silver consists of regimental trophies; a unique collection of considerable financial value and very great sentimental value.

An outstanding item is a silver Burmese pagoda made by Indian craftsmen from the melted down prize of rupees won by the battalion in the Rangoon polo championship in 1903.

There is also a ram's head with silver fittings used as a snuff-box, and a cigar holder which was

WON IN 1879

Another relic of the days of the 108th is a clock won in 1879 by the regiment at the Portsmouth rifle meeting and presented by Lieut.-Gen. H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimer.

Among reminders of the Great War are a challenge cup given by the Irish Women's Association during that period and a silken banner with the regimental crest embroidered upon it, one of which was given to the battalions of the first seven divisions going overseas early in the war.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Air Raid Precautions

The demonstration Gas-proof and Splinter-proof Room in the Medical Officer's House, old Government Civil Hospital will be open to inspection by the public between 5.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. daily from to-day until Friday, 11th February, 1938, inclusive.

Representatives of the Royal Engineers will be in attendance.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1938, to Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1938.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

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The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. Room 308, Bank of East Asia Building, Hongkong, or the Inspector, 40, Poktalung Road, 1st floor, or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wan Chai, or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

BIGGER NAVAL PROGRAMME

BATTLESHIP LIMIT

In view of recent developments abroad the British naval construction programme for 1938, to be announced before the end of February, may be larger than that of last year, which provided for 220,000 tons of combatant shipping. The new British programme will be drawn up with a view to the maintenance of the balance of power both in European and Far Eastern waters. It is expected to include the following vessels:

Five battleships;

Four or five cruisers of the 8,000-ton Fiji class;

Three cruisers of the 5,300-ton Dido class;

Sixteen destroyers, of which half may be of the big Tribal class of 1,850 tons; and

A proportionate number of submarines, escort vessels and auxiliary craft.

It is understood that this year's battleships will conform to the 35,000-ton limit imposed by the 1936 London Treaty unless it is definitely established that the new Japanese vessels substantially exceed this tonnage. It is noticed with satisfaction in naval circles that, although Italy did not sign the Treaty, her new battleships about to be commenced are restricted to 35,000 tons.

Following last year's increase of nearly \$1,000 in the Navy's personnel, a further large expansion is anticipated this year.

ADVENTURE OF EX-OFFICER OF MAURETANIA

FIGHT WITH BURGLAR IN U.S. HOTEL

WIFE ATTACKED BY MAN WITH A CLUB

New York. A fight between a former First Lieutenant in the Cunard-White Star liner Mauretania, Capt. Kingsley Howe, 56, and a 23-year-old burglar took place in the Hotel Wyndham, New York, in the early hours to-day. Capt. Howe described his adventures later in the day.

His nose was heavily bandaged, and he had a toe in splints. His wife, who joined in the fight, is suffering from shock.

He said his experiences as a Rugby football player saved him and his wife from more serious injury.

"My wife," he continued, "heard sounds in our living room and went in her night attire to investigate. I heard her shriek as the burglar swung at her with a club. I ran into the room and brought him down with a flying tackle below the knees."

"KNOCK-AND-TUMBLE"

"Then we had five minutes of rough knock-and-tumble fight as I have ever seen in my many years of going to sea."

"We rolled all over the room, knocking down chairs, lamps and furniture."

"My wife quickly grabbed him by the hair, whereupon he wrestled himself free and knocked her back against a wall, while I again tackled him. My wife picked up the telephone. Thereupon the burglar hit me over the nose with a black jack, and slipping out of my arms, made a bolt for the hall."

When the police arrived, they found the burglar cowering in a cellar in the basement and arrested him. His face was scratched and bruised from the encounter he had with Capt. and Mrs. Howe.

The incident caused great commotion in the hotel, and one of the guests who was aroused was Mr. Sinclair Lewis, the author.

Capt. and Mrs. Howe's plucky conduct in tackling the intruder resulted in jewellery belonging to Mrs. Howe, worth thousands of dollars, being saved. It was lying on the dressing table near the bed.

EMPIRE NEWS

CHARGES AGAINST EX-MINISTER

Calcutta.

"Inconsistent, unscrupulous in the extreme, one who was guilty of all sorts of corrupt practices, and for whom nothing was too mean or disgraceful," were among the epithets used by counsel, Mr. N. R. Das Gupta, describing the alleged character of Sir Kazi Gulum Mohiuddin Farooqui, member for the Tipperah district of Bengal and a former Minister of the Bengal Government.

The ex-Minister is the respondent in an action brought by an unsuccessful rival candidate before the Calcutta Election tribunal to set aside the election on the ground of corruption. Sir Kazi denies the charges of corruption as reckless and absurd.

The president of the tribunal is Mr. Justice Edgley. He is sitting with two commissioners.

More Prohibition—Two million Indians are to "go dry" as the result of a total prohibition order which is to be enforced in six United Province districts. Since the introduction of prohibition in the Salem district of Madras the consumption of tea has increased strikingly. The quantity of tea despatched from Madras to the Salem district during November was nine times the averages of the past 12 months.

Islington Corinthians' Win—By defeating Bihar 5-0 at Patna, Islington Corinthians, the Amateur Association football team, scored their biggest victory of the tour so far. They have left Patna for Lucknow en route for the North-West Frontier, where they will meet their strongest opponents, a team representative of the British Army in India.

A NAVY JOKE

Battleships Of "Cherry Tree" Class

"The battleships Nelson and Rodney are called by sailors 'the Cherry Tree class' because they were cut down by Washington," said Lieutenant Commander Thompson, R.N., lecturing to the Bristol branch of the Royal Empire Society recently. He added: "They just lopped off 200 feet at the stern to bring them within the reason why these ships can ground. They are naturally frightfully difficult to handle."

Commander Thompson said the navy's new anti-aircraft guns had reduced the number of rounds needed to bring down an aeroplane from about 8,000, which was the average during the war, to something from nine to twenty. You can take it," he said, "that the navy is very well able to look after itself and its dockyards so far as air attacks go. We can conquer also the submarine easily provided we have sufficient destroyers."

Noted London Correspondent In Hongkong

Mr. Vernon Bartlett On Peace Mission

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, special correspondent of the *News Chronicle*, said yesterday that his trip to Hongkong was not without excitement, since he was detained by order of the Italian police in Brindisi, and had his first sight of Japanese warships near Gap Rock.

Well known as commentator on international affairs, Mr. Bartlett covered some months of the Spanish war, and is now hoping to get acquainted at first hand with the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

While the Imperial Airways plane on which he came out was stopped over at Brindisi, Mr. Bartlett was taken aside by the police and his luggage was impounded. It appeared that he would be detained some time, until representations were made to the authorities and guarantees given to him that he would be allowed to leave the country.

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Buyers

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GIVING HELP TO CHINA

To The Editor, *Hongkong Telegraph*,

Sir—I shall be glad if you will be kind enough to publish the following lines.

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MEDIATION MOVES

China Puts Proposals
To Britain, Says
Tokyo Report

Tokyo, Feb. 8.

Britain has been approached by the Chinese Government with a request for mediation between Japan and China, according to Japanese press messages from Hongkong.

The Hongkong correspondent of the *Nichi Nichi* says that the newly appointed British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr, will arrive in Shanghai about the middle of February with a peace formula which is designed not only to save the face of China but also give full consideration to Japan's position in the Far East.

The Foreign Office in London has no confirmation of the report.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to London said that he did not know anything about such a move.—Reuter.

Soviet Minister Missing

**Suddenly Disappears
In Bucharest**

Paris, Feb. 7.

M. Theodore Butenco, Soviet Charge d'Affaires at Bucharest, has mysteriously disappeared from his home.

Llegation officials believe that he has been kidnapped and perhaps murdered.

M. Butenco motored to his home from the Legation on Sunday evening and entered the front door, since when he has not been heard of.

The Legation secretary became anxious over the non-appearance of M. Butenco on Monday and went to his flat. He noticed what appeared to be freshly obliterated bloodstains on the staircase leading to the flat, and he informed the Police, whose investigations have hitherto been fruitless.—Reuter.

River Forts Drive Off War Craft

Japanese Destroyer Near Disaster

Canton, Feb. 7.

Yesterday's naval engagement with the forts at Beccal Tigris opened at 6 o'clock in the morning, when six destroyers and a cruiser opened up. On getting within 1,500 metres of the fort on an island in the middle of the River, four ships stopped and three destroyers went ahead. They got to 1,000 metres when Admiral Chan Chak ordered the biggest guns into play. Three shells hit the water simultaneously. One burst feet from the bow of the second vessel in the enemy's line, killing several on board. Another exploded and one almost got the stern of the same ship, evidently causing more casualties. Before the aim could be corrected, the three advancing ships made all speed away. A launch that was already in the water spent a few seconds in picking up bodies, the first heavy shell having blown some sailors overboard, according to the *Yat Sun* news agency.

Before the end of the battle, the three rearmost destroyers left for Po On. A minor engagement was fought there, some 30 shells being fired at the shore trenches.—Our Own Correspondent.

CHUNGSHAN LANDING

Canton, Feb. 7.

The Tai Chung news agency reports that Col. Ng, commanding troops at Tongkawan, has telegraphed to Canton that five Japanese warships, and 16 smaller craft carrying a landing party, participated in the naval attack on Chungshan yesterday. Roughly 900 marines were on board these launches and other small boats.

The ships split up into two sections, half of them attacking at Nganhau, half at Namshan, both in the Tongkawan area. Fighting was fiercest at the former place. Thrice the marines tried to make the beach, but the closest they got was 400 metres. One small boat was sent to the bottom by the fieldpieces on the shore, with some loss of life. Thirty Chinese soldiers died in the one day's battle.—Our Own Correspondent.

QUIET RESTORED

Macao, Feb. 8.

The Shekki-Macau Bus Service has been restored since yesterday morning. Government employees are still being kept busy by rehabilitation works in the war area.

It is understood that most of the Japanese who landed on the Island on the Island at Lung Tam village have evacuated. Many refugees, who recently evacuated Kel O and Tongkawan, are returning to their homes. The Japanese have evacuated Wongcum Island.

An official spokesman states that the regular troops and the local military guards, which make up the present local defence force, are quite sufficient to meet any situation and no further reinforcements from Canton or elsewhere are needed.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

WARSHIPS REMAIN

Canton, Feb. 8.

The local Garrison Commander Headquarters understand that there are still three Japanese warships lying off Tongkawan.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

PRINCE NICHOLAS PASSES

Father Of Duchess Of Kent Was 66 Years Of Age

Canton, Feb. 8.

The death occurred to-day of Prince Nicholas of Greece, father of the Duchess of Kent, at the age of 66. He had been ill for nearly a week, suffering from a disorder of the blood and kidney trouble.

Extreme Unction was administered on Sunday night when his condition suddenly became worse.

The Duchess interrupted her holiday with the Duke in the Austrian Tyrol and hurried to the bedside of her father. The Duke returned to London alone.—Reuter.

Prince Nicholas was a first cousin of the late King George V of England, his father, King George I, of Greece, being a son of King Christian of Denmark, and brother of Queen Alexandra, wife of King Edward VII.

Trained As Soldier

Prince Nicholas was the uncle of King George II, of Greece. He was born at Athens in 1872, the second son of King George I and brother of King Constantine, who abdicated in 1922 in favour of his son George II. Nicholas's mother was the Grand Duchess Olga, of Russia.

He was trained for the army and took part in the Balkan wars when Greece was involved. All his inclination, however, were literary and artistic. He also had tact and a charming personality which made him welcome at all social gatherings. For this reason he was often employed to represent the King at Royal and other State ceremonies abroad, becoming well known in all the capitals of Europe.

In 1902 Nicholas married the Grand Duchess Helen, of Russia, the ceremony taking place at Tsarsko Selo. They had three daughters. The eldest, Olga, married Prince Paul of Yugoslavia in 1923. Elizabeth, the second daughter, became the wife of Count Charles of Teering-Jettenbach in 1934, and the youngest, Marina, married the Duke of Kent in 1934.

When in 1923, Greece became a republic and George II had to leave the country, Nicholas and his family went to Paris. Taking a flat overlooking the Bois de Boulogne, he had a large room converted into a studio and settled down to a life of painting and writing.

In 1926 he published his autobiography under the title "My Fifty Years". In light vein he related much that was amusing about Greek Court life in his early days. In more serious mood he defended his brother King Constantine against the charge of being pro-German.

Constantine refused to allow Greece to support the Entente Powers in the world war and had to leave the country and remain away until after the war. Nicholas declared that Constantine was a Greek patriot, neither pro-German nor pro-Entente.

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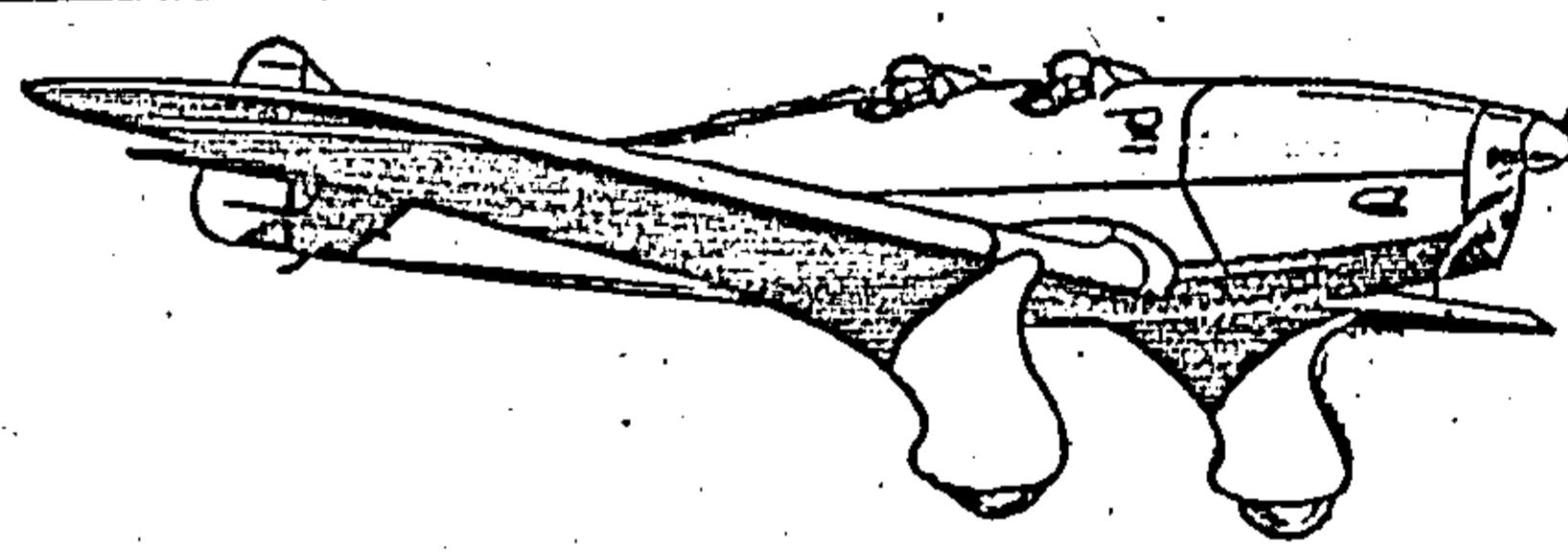
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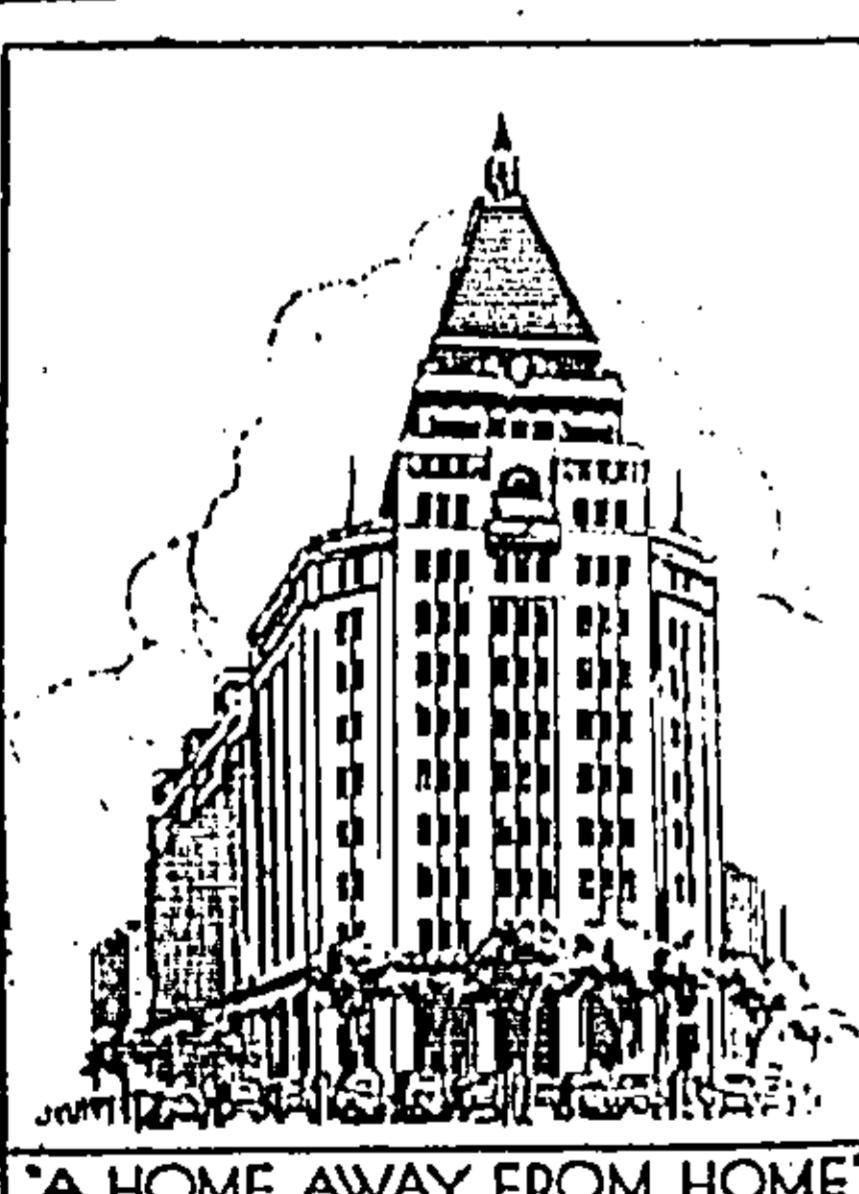
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Personalities of Old Hongkong

CHIEF JUSTICE WHO FOUGHT THE "THREE EVILS" OF OLD HONGKONG

15 YEARS ON BENCH MADE HIM IRASCIBLE OLD MAN

By T. Paul Gregory

AN INTERESTING PERSONALITY WHO MADE OUR COLONY HIS HOME FROM THE SIXTIES TO THE EARLY EIGHTIES OF LAST CENTURY WAS SIR JOHN JACKSON SMALE, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

JUDGE SMALE WAS A MAN WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAW AND ORDER WERE UNDENIABLY GREAT, BUT ONE, TOO, WHO IS BETTER KNOWN TO POSTERITY ON ACCOUNT OF HIS ECCENTRICITIES.

HE WAS WHAT OUR GENERATION WOULD CALL A "CARD" AND HAD MACAULAY BEEN A RESIDENT OF HONGKONG FIFTY YEARS AGO, HE CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE DONE FOR JUDGE SMALE WHAT HE DID FOR DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON WHOSE IDIOSYNCRASIES WERE RECORDED IN A MANNER THAT WOULD HAVE DELIGHTED READERS OF OUR BLASÉ AND THRILL-SEEKING ERA.

Sir John Jackson Smale was born in England in the year 1805, and died at his residence in Sussex-place, Regent's Park, August 13, 1881. He was educated at Manchester College, York and, in 1828, entered as a student of the Inner Temple.

His legal studies procured for him the privilege of acting as a solicitor and he was admitted as a draughtsman below the Bar until the Easter term in 1842, when he was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, and commenced to practice in the Court of Chancery.

From 1846 to 1847 he was a reporter in the Courts of the Vice-Chancellors Knights-Bruce, Parker and Sturt—a trio of eminent English jurists of the early Victorian period.

In 1850, Judge Smale was appointed Attorney-General for Hongkong, and in 1856 he was raised to the dignity of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court upon the decease of his predecessor, Judge Adams. In 1874, he received the honour of Knighthood by patent from Queen Victoria.

Sir John J. Smale arrived in Hongkong on Monday, April 22, 1861, by the P. and O. steamer Columbian. He was accompanied by his clerk, Mr. George Proctor, and was slated to take the place of Mr. Adams, the retiring Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Until that worthy departed for home, Sir John served as Attorney-General.

On June 14, he was further appointed a member of the Legislative Council; his appointment being confirmed by notification on January 10 of the following year.

STICKLER FOR FORM

On Sir John's first appearance as Attorney-General he proved that he was going to be a stickler for the forms and customs observed in the Courts at home, which, if we are to believe contemporary accounts, were not as yet established here. He created a stir from the very first; for he appeared in Court arrayed in the customary horse-hair wig of an English jurist. "Wigs were now mentioned in the records for the first time," says a contemporary account, and even the Chief Justice (Judge Adams) was "in favour of their being worn and the Court being held with the ceremony and solemnity attendant upon an English tribunal."

During his long sojourn of over twenty-two years in the Colony—fifteen of which were spent on the Bench—Sir John Smale delivered decisions on thousands of cases, and was especially concerned with what he termed the "three evils" of Hongkong—opium, brothels, and slavery. Upon the first, it must be said that he did little except venting openly his indignation at the system then in vogue of permitting the drug to be imported and dealt in by private firms.

Upon the latter two, however, he did much real service, and his fulminations from the Bench did much to curb the flagrant evil of supplying the brothels of the Colony with unwilling victims recruited by every means of subtle artifice from the hinterland of China.

GENESIS OF PO LEUNG KUK

His concern for these "sisters and daughters of men" was genuine and through his recommendations a number of the public-minded citizens of the Colony got together and established that institution intended for the work of rescue and re-habilita-



SIR JOHN SMALE

tion of these unfortunate victims—the Po Leung Kuk.

It is also to be noted that we owe the genesis of the mid-nineteenth century legislation intended to ameliorate the lot of the p'ei-nui, or so-called "slave girls" in our Colony. The Judge was firmly opposed to slavery in any form, and the world may well render its gratitude to him for his ceaseless efforts in suppressing the infamous cooler trade which is such an unfortunate interlude in the relationship of the so-called "Christian" nations of the West with those of the East.

Lest readers do not comprehend what is meant, let me hasten to explain that from the fifties to the early seventies of the last century, great fortunes were made by unscrupulous individuals in the supplying of Chinese labour for the guano pits of Peru, and the sugar plantations of Cuba.

This trade was carried on at Macao and, to a certain extent, here in Hongkong. Heartless crimps were sent into the Chinese villages of Kwangtung to inveigle the simple country-folk into the idea of going abroad with the specious lure that vast fortunes could be wrested from labour there within an incredibly short time.

With such bait thousands were lured to Macao and induced to sell themselves into servitude for varying periods in order to pay for their passage. The conditions of recruiting and the barbarous treatment and nameless indignities which these poor deluded victims endured became notorious.

The newspapers of this period were filled with lurid accounts of the kidnappings, seductions and wholesale massacres of disaffected

coolies who realised too late how they had been tricked by these fiends who profited from the sale of human flesh. At length, in 1874, the Western Powers finally moved to outlaw this shameful traffic. Great credit for this final abolition was due to the efforts of Sir John Smale, who, single-handed, had been fighting the invidious trade from the Bench for years—freeing any kidnapped coolies who had managed to escape from the ships in transit to the American continent.

In Sir John Smale's case it must have been handsomely remunerative; for he was the legal adviser of the entire Parsee community, and we can glean an inkling of how highly he was regarded from the presentation of a costly service of plate which we have referred to above.

SENILITY SETS IN

During the last year of Sir John's stay in the Colony he became somewhat irascible and petulant. His eccentric conduct was not confined to his home life, but was openly manifested in Court and soon attained the aegis of ludicrousness. The Supreme Court became crowded with spectators not interested of course in the trials of the day but in the actions of the Chief Justice.

Sir John became the buffoon of the moment and his sessions were filled with those who wanted to witness the spectacle of a Chief Justice "hauling some of his subordinates over the coals".

The local Press of that day seized upon the occasions with grateful alacrity and we have many accounts of Sir John's unreasonable outbursts of spleen and censure upon those who displeased him. One of the most disgusting of these scenes was when the petulant old man apparently took a sudden dislike to the Registrar, Mr. Henry Frederick Gibbons, a young man who had just come out from England. Sir John went out of his way to openly humiliate this official in open Court, and Gibbons, being apparently a man of spirit, naturally resented being taken to task and "sussed back".

The local press said of Sir John on one occasion: "In the Criminal Court he (Sir John) has shown himself a lecturer of the first water; it is to be hoped that for yesterday's performance he will call himself to task and rate himself as he so well knows how to rate others."

EXHIBITIONS OF ILL-TEMPER

"Had these exhibitions of ill-temper been in private," states Norton-Kyshe in his "History of the Laws and Courts of Hongkong," "they might well have been passed over in silence, but when, as in the present instance, they emanated from the highest judicial seat in the Colony, from whence wisdom, justice, and dignity should flow, it became, as very properly remarked, a matter for public indignation, and compunction and pity for the man, and disapproval of the Judge."

On April 8, 1881, Sir John who had previously resigned his office, left for home on retirement. Before his departure, he was feted by his local admirers, who had gathered to the number of 70 or 80 at St. Andrew's Hall to express their appreciation of his services to the Colony. An Address signed by 123 members of the community was read to the departing Jurist. It said in part:

"In looking back over the many years of your laborious career there is one matter which we feel assured, you must ever contemplate with special pride and gratification. We abide to the attitude you have firmly maintained towards slavery in whatever form disguised, and the nefarious trade in women and children, too often for the most nefarious of purposes, so long carried on in the Colony. The fruition of your work is not yet completed, but the policy you have done so much to inaugurate and carry out will never cease to be honourably associated with your name."

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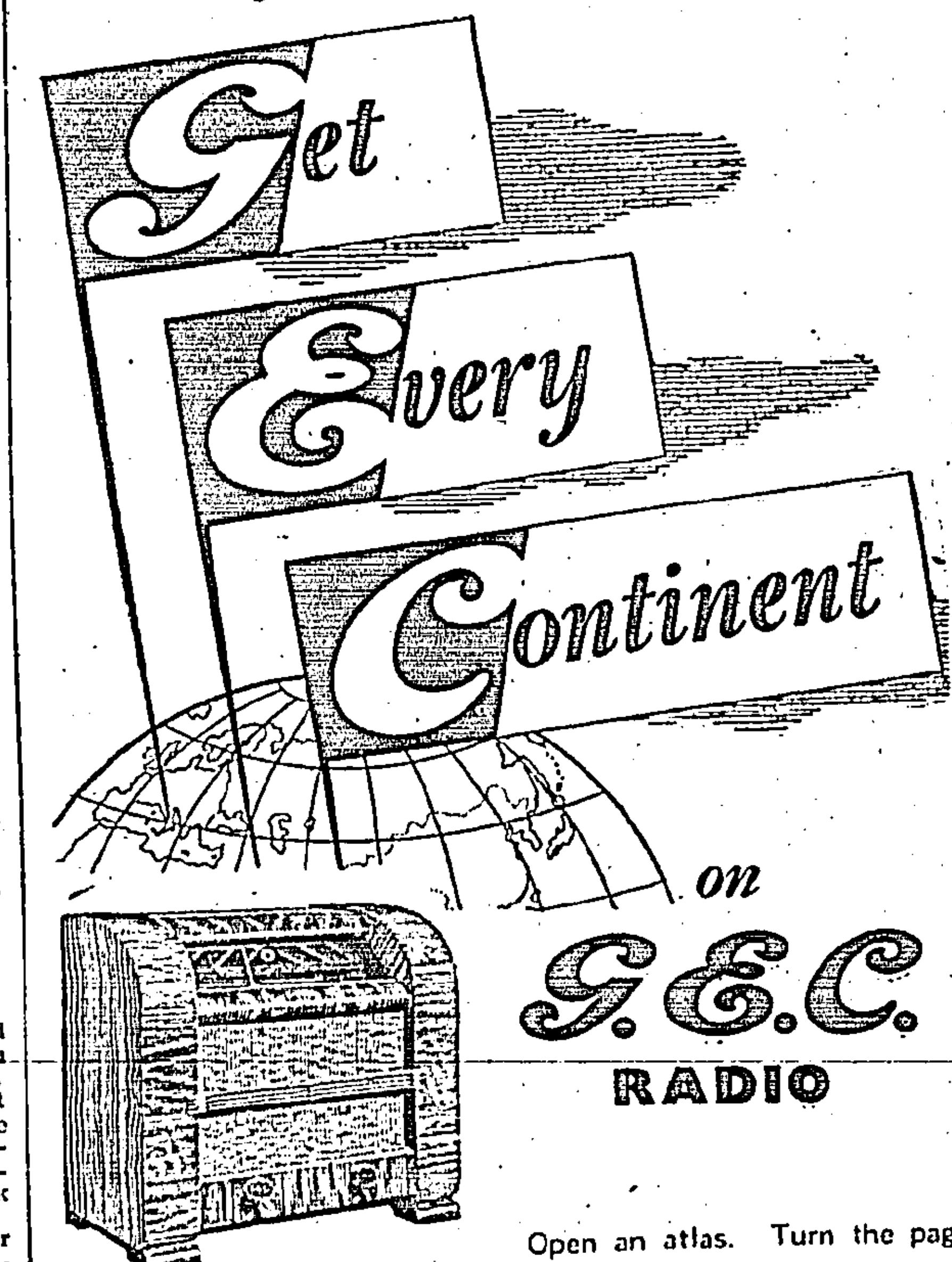
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DOCTOR FLAYS GLUTTONS IN GET-FAT FIFTIES

If a man reaches 50 without learning to keep fit he must be a fool, declared Dr. Leonard Williams, 76 years old, and author of books on the art of living and obesity, at a luncheon in London.

"And he is usually the kind of fool who is bald-headed and pot-bellied," Dr. Williams added bluntly. "A gluttonous, smoke-sucking beast, who deserves all he gets and more, of gout, high blood pressure, cerebral and arthritis. He even deserves a nagging wife!"

Dr. Williams was much less critical of the plump, middle-aged woman, who, he said, was usually more deserving of pity than of censure, though there were a good many women of the affluent classes who deserved all the abuse he had addressed to the men.

He referred to "the paint-bedizened, 'cocktail', bridge-playing, midmorning female, smoking, shapeless flounder, who so often disgraced race meetings and the front row of the stalls."

Fear, always a bad counsellor, was middle-aged woman's worst enemy, and women frightened themselves quite unnecessarily and prematurely into looks and habits much older than their real years.

"Obesity in a middle-aged man, 50 per cent. of the cases, is due to excessive intake and insufficient output in the way of exercise and otherwise," declared Dr. Williams. "In women, obesity at middle age

is 75 per cent. of the cases is due to a middle matter about which not enough is yet known.

BLAMELESS WOMAN

"In man, it is safe to say that his fatness is due to self-indulgence, in woman it is certainly not."

The first thing to remember about middle age was not to be frightened of it. Instead, one should learn to relax, to be philosophical and to keep one's nervous system well under control.

"It is as necessary to be parsimonious about food as it is essential to be prodigal with fresh air," remarked Dr. Williams later.

"And when I say parsimonious I use the word as meaning intelligently, reasonably careful, and certainly not as lending any sanction to the semi-starvation regime to which some girls subject themselves for fear of developing their mothers' middle-age

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"SEEDED" PLAYER MAY NOT ENTER SEMI-FINALS

T. F. YONG HAS A HARD TASK AHEAD OF HIM DRAW OF BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

(By "Abo")

Judging by the draw, made yesterday evening, of the local Badminton Championships, M. A. Oliveira, P. H. Wong (holder), P. K. Hui and T. F. Yong have obviously been "seeded" in the Singles, but all four cannot be regarded as certain of reaching the semi-finals.

In the top half, Oliveira and Wong have no opposition at all, and it seems certain that they will clash in the penultimate round. But in the bottom half are several good men who may provide one or two surprises. Hui is fortunate in that he has only to beat either F. Tsang or J. A. Chen to get into the semi-final, and that he will do so is a foregone conclusion. I am not so sure of T. F. Yong, however. If Au beats J. L. Anderson—and this match appears to be the best of the first-round items—he should give a very good account of himself, and it would not surprise me in the least to see him overcome the University stalwart.

Personally I think that the semi-finalists will be M. A. Oliveira v. P. H. Wong, and P. K. Hui v. C. Au.

In the Doubles, the four pairs which have been "seeded" appear to be P. H. Wong and C. Au, L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva, P. K. Hui and C. Lee, and M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios.

Here again, I am not sure that these four combinations will enter the semi-finals. P. H. Wong and C. Au, P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong, and M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios are almost certain of doing so, the only doubtful pair being L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva. The reason why I doubt the claims of Carvalho and Silva is that in their second round match they will probably have to meet C. E. Lee and C. O. Lee, of the University, who are the best pair in the first round. Carvalho and Silva, however, are regarded in some quarters as the best doubles combination at the Club de Recreio, M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios notwithstanding.

LIKELY FINALISTS

The semi-finalists will very likely be Wong and Au, Lee and Lee or Carvalho and Silva; Hui and Yong v. Oliveira and Remedios.

Unless I am very much mistaken, nothing short of a miracle will prevent Wong and Au from meeting Hui and Yong in the final.

The most open event is the Mixed Doubles, in which several good pairs are participating. P. H. Wong is making his first attempt here, and will be partnered by Miss M. Cheung, who turned out for the C.R.C. before. As holders, P. K. Hui and Miss U. Kho will be established as favourites, but in J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro, M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, Wong and Miss Cheung, and J. L. Anderson and Miss Griffiths, the champions will find serious opposition.

R.W.V. Robins And Middlesex

"I am not yet in a position to say whether it is possible for me to carry on for another full season. It goes without saying that I would very much like to do so."

This was the reply made by R. W. V. Robins to a statement made recently that his captaincy of Middlesex next season can be taken for granted.

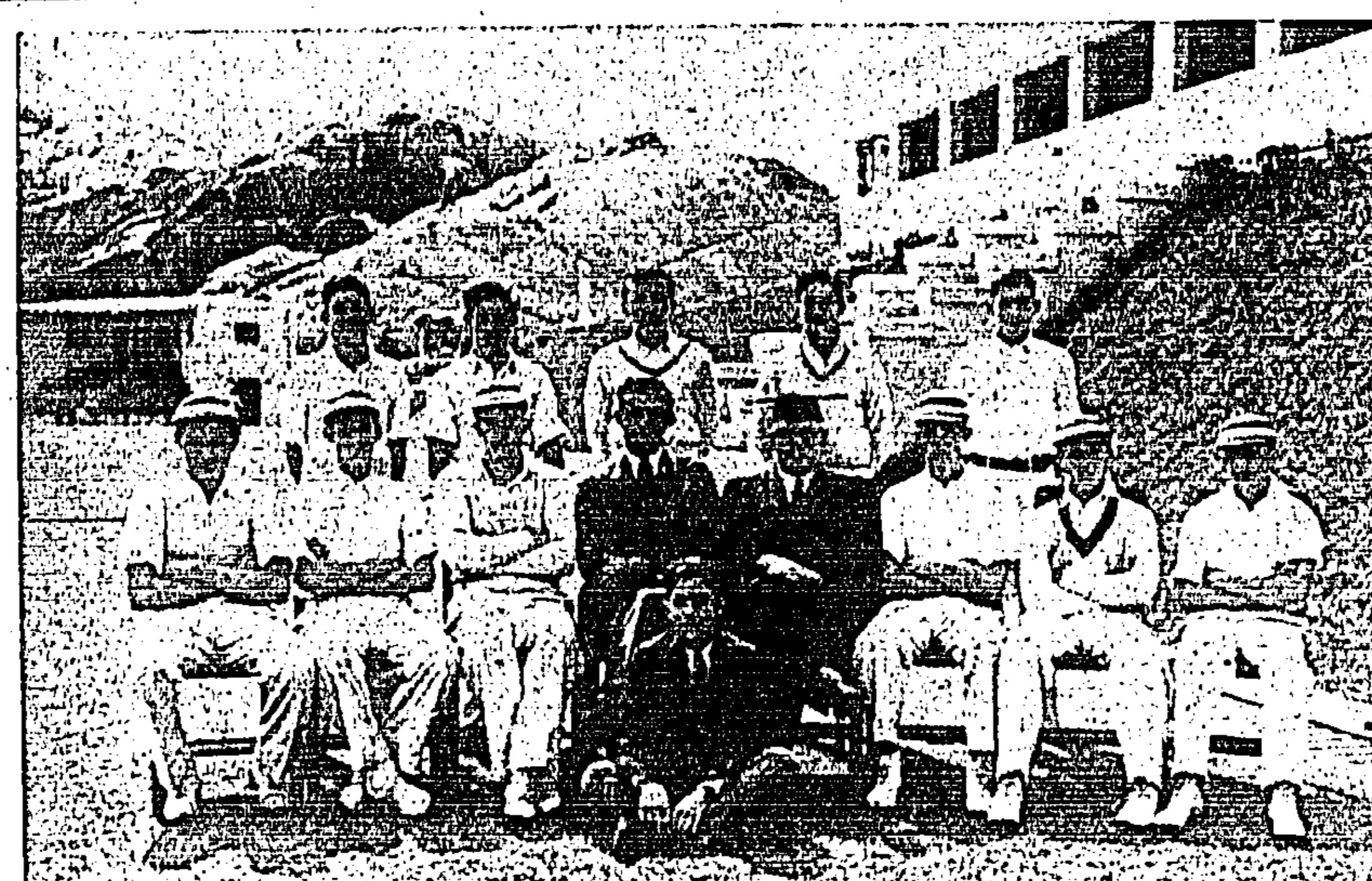


Photo taken recently of the Central British School cricket team. Seated in the centre are the Rev. G. E. S. Updell (Headmaster) and Mr. W. Mulcahy. (Photo: King's Studio).

THIS CUP FOOTBALL IS A GRIM BUSINESS

Failure Will Cost Arsenal £10,000

By Arbiter (Frank M. Carruthers)

London, Jan. 5. To every Cup-tie hangs a story of hope and tribulation. The winning players feel their feet on the road leading to Wembley, while for the club victory means at least another gate and possibly great prosperity.

Pity the beaten team. Their hopes have been rudely shattered and they have the dejection of failure.

Truly Cup football is a desperately serious business by which the lives of men and clubs are shaped.

For the club defeat probably means pinching and scraping to balance the budget or to keep the bank overdraft down to the minimum.

League gates are likely to slump—immediately—unless a bid can be made for the championship. Only winning teams attract the crowds, and to go out of the Cup competition means to go out of favour.

THE WORST FEATURE

This is the worst feature of all. Clubs compete knowing that they are entering on a huge gamble, and so serious is the loss of prestige when they are knocked out that they are often left to reflect that they would have been better off if they had not taken part in the event.

It is inevitable, too, that the troubles of the clubs become the misfortunes of the players. In order that money may be raised, some of them probably have to be transferred. Or they may have to submit to a reduction of their wages during the summer, or their suspension.

I recall a club chairman addressing the men to this effect on the eve of a cup-tie: "I am sorry to tell you that we are hard up, and if you want to be signed on again in May you must earn the money to pay your wages. Your only chance is to get it through the Cup, and in your interests as well as ours I hope you will take it."

HIGHLY DANGEROUS

It was a highly dangerous warning, because many matches have

A New Swimming Record

Copenhagen, Feb. 8. The Danish ladies' swimming team, including Ragnhild Hveger, holder of six world's records, established a new world figure of 4 mins. 29.7 seconds for-the-four-times-100-metres free style relay-to-day, beating by 3.1 seconds the previous record by the Dutch national team.—Reuter.

been lost through men trying too hard to win. In this case, the players made a magnificent response, and by the success they achieved opened up a new era for the club.

These conditions obtain in every tie to be played on Saturday, even to the clubs of the First Division.

If the Arsenal are knocked out by Bolton Wanderers it may be equivalent to a penalty of £10,000, and even more unless they remain in the running for the League championship.

The development of the competition until it now regularly produces about £225,000 has created these huge financial responsibilities, and they are unavoidable.

To the public whose interest is only in the play and the progress of the clubs they are of little concern, but they may have a reaching influence and perhaps contribute to the many surprises which Cup football creates.

ONE MORE RECORD

BRADMAN GOES ON AND ON

When he was dismissed for 54 in the Sheffield Shield match against Victoria recently Bradman had scored 6,280 runs in Sheffield Shield cricket. This is 6 runs better than the previous record, which was established by Clem Hill.

It was made in about half the time, however, and it seems likely that the figures that will be established by Bradman before he retires will assume gigantic proportions.

He needs only about 30 runs to establish new figures in first-class cricket. Hill now holds that record, with 17,221 runs.

There are few records now remaining for Bradman to better, but there is one that Bradman will not establish for some time. That is the greatest age of a player in first-class cricket. Dr. W. G. Grace played his last first-class game when he was aged 59 years. Bradman is now aged 29 years, so he has to wait 30 years to break that record.

The feature of the match was the bowling of Fleetwood-Smith, who took eight of the nine wickets that fell. (Since then, Bradman has bettered Clem Hill's second record.)

JOE HULME LEAVES ARSENAL

By Charles Buchan

London, Jan. 7. Arsenal, for seasons regarded as the team of all the talents, last night threw a bombshell into the Soccer world by the announcement that Joe Hulme, their international outside-right, had been transferred to Huddersfield.

He is the fifth player to leave Arsenal for other clubs during the past few weeks.

The others are: Bowden to Newcastle, Davidson to Coventry, Bligh to Hart of Midlothian, Milne to Middlesbrough.

Petersen Will Fight Again

"IF I GET REASONABLE OFFER"

London, Jan. 9.

JACK PETERSEN IS COMING BACK TO THE RING. He made this clear to the Sunday Chronicle last night while all the boxing world was discussing his refusal to accept a £20,000 contract offered by his father on behalf of a syndicate.

"It was a contract for 12 months, but no stipulation was made as to the number of fights."

A TEMPTING OFFER

"An offer of £6,000 for a single contest, which it was reported was made to me the other day, is the type of offer I should consider."

"A return to the ring might harm my eyes, but I should have to take the risk."

"Since my retirement I have been keeping fit, and it would take me about two months to get back into boxing trim."

PHENOMENAL RISE OF TABLE TENNIS OVER 70,000 PLAYERS IN BRITAIN ALONE

London, January 16.

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Such is the rise in popularity of a game played by children on a parlour table a score of years ago. It is no longer "ping-pong," but table tennis, one of the world's major sports.

The 4,000 clubs in the English Table Tennis Association each pay 3s. 6d. a year. And with a total revenue of £3,000 a central office in London is maintained, and a magazine published.

In 1928 the first international championship matches were held in London. Six nations competed. The "gate" money was £150. This year, from January 24 to 29, 16 nations are sending their teams to London. The Albert Hall and the Empire Pool at Wembley have been secured for the occasion.

CHAMPION'S HANDICAP

Seats cost up to 10s. 6d., and judging by advanced bookings, it is expected that "standing-room only" will be used for the finals.

England and Northern Ireland are combining in sending over an all-Ireland team. Egypt is sending a team for the first time.

G. V. Barna, the Hungarian world champion, has been playing match table tennis for the last ten years, and is now 20.

"I am not thinking of retiring," he told the Sunday Chronicle yesterday. "I am too old for the competitive game. I am putting on weight, which is a handicap in a game that needs speed."

But whoever aspires to be the new champion has to beat him, age or no.

Mr. C. J. Tacchi, Hon. Secretary of the H.K.L.T.A., informed me yesterday that Tilden had not replied to his letter, and until a reply was received here, nothing could be done as regards arrangements.

According to the Malaya newspapers, Tilden and his troupe will be in Singapore at the end of the month, and it also appears that they will also play at Kuala Lumpur. It is almost certain, therefore, that even if Tilden does intend to bring his troupe to Hongkong, it will be sometime in March.

But at present, nothing is definite.

NO WORD FROM TILDEN

Local Officials Not Sure If He Is Coming

(By "Abo")

Since last September no word has been received from "Big-Bill" Tilden as to whether he is bringing his troupe of tennis professionals to Hongkong for a series of exhibition matches.

Though it is known that he and three other pro's, Henri Cochet, A. Burke and R. Ramilien, will appear in Manila in exhibitions on February 10, 12 and 13, Tilden has not informed the Hongkong L.T.A. when he is coming here, if at all.

When he wrote to the local L.T.A. asking whether it would be all right for him to bring a professional team to the Colony, Hongkong officials wrote back in the affirmative and promised him the necessary support.

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"HILL BILLIES"

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Evening by The Moonlight.

MR2504—In The Moonlight's Glow.

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Hockey team of the Central British School, taken recently on the school grounds. Seated in the centre are the Rev. G. E. S. Updell (Headmaster) and Mr. D. McLellan. (Photo: King's Studio).

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Craigengower And Army Teams Selected

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1st XI v. Army (Sookupoo)—
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A. H. Esmaili, A. B. Hamson, A.
K. Ismail, A. T. Lee, F. K. Lee, W.
H. Sling, G. Souza, J. L. Youngsaye
and F. R. Zimmern.

2nd XI v. Recret (Home)—C.
W. Lam (Capt.), D. Hung, B. R.
Trance, A. Kitchell, G. A. Lee, J. W.
Leonard, H. P. Lim, A. M. Onar, W.
Rapley, G. Welch and A. Zimmern.
Reserve, U. H. Esmail.

Army Selections

The Army team against Craigengower will be composed of the following:

Capt. J. R. Mackintosh-Walker,
Major G. S. Rawstorne, Major G. P.
Murray and Bindman, Cheney (Seniors);
Lieut. C. E. Godby (R.A.),
Lieut. R. A. Barron (R.E.), Lieut.
L. C. Beadnell, Lieut. M. P. Weedon,
Lieut. C. M. M. Man and Pte. Hatfield
(Middlesex); and Lieut.
Doubins (Royal Scots).

COMBINED SCHOOLS XI

The Combined Schools will meet the Craigengower Cricket Club in a friendly game of cricket at Happy Valley on Sunday, February 13, at 2 p.m. The following will represent the Schools:

W. Mulcahy (Capt.), F. J. Lay, A.
J. Pratt and D. Cray (Diocesan
Boys' School); N. J. Booker, W.
Gegg, C. Hoagwood and D. Hollidge
(Central British School); K. M.
Runnahan (Queen's College); J.
Gosano and Z. Gavano (La Salle College). Reserve, G. Kew (D.B.S.).

N.S.W. WINS SHIELD

Adelaide, Feb. 8.—South Australia beat Victoria in the Sheffield Shield cricket match to-day by 165. Scores were South Australia 157 and 340, Victoria 105 and 177.

This was the last match in the Sheffield Shield. New South Wales are on top with 21 points, Victoria second with 14 points, South Australia third also with 14 points, and Queensland last with five points.—Reuter Bulletin.

NEW ZEALAND TENNIS

Wellington, Feb. 8.—A. D. Brown won the men's singles tennis championship of New Zealand to-day by beating R. Patterson 6-0, 7-5, 6-1.

Miss Margaret Beverley won the women's title, defeating Miss D. Miller 6-2, 6-6.—Reuter Bulletin.

BRITAIN'S TOP 20 TENNIS STARS

Many Young Players Coming On

By F. R. Burrow

London, Dec. 26.—The last issue of *The Observer* for 1937 appears to be as suitable an occasion as any for taking a look at the performances of English players during the year and considering their relative position, based on those performances. I think it must be at least a dozen years since I first began to publish a Ranking List of my own in *The Observer*—some years, at any rate, before any official Ranking Lists were published by the L.T.A.

That I should have gone on doing so, now that an official list is annually published, would seem superfluous; but I do not feel inclined to discontinue my custom, because to continue to receive so many inquiries as to when my ranking list will be published that it is evident that it is of interest to many players of the game.

Those who take the trouble to compare the list given below with this year's official list published by the L.T.A., a couple of months ago, will note that there is much less variation between them than has been the case in some recent years. Indeed, eleven out of the L.T.A.'s twelve and of the first twelve in my list, are the same players, though not quite in the same order. The similarity may be accounted for partly because the L.T.A. has extended the scope of its basis of calculation, which does not now, as it did formerly, consist only of the play in the six "summer" months, whereas I have always taken into calculation the play of the whole year, which seemed to me to be the logical basis for compiling an annual ranking list.

The L.T.A. compilers have not yet taken quite so comprehensive a view, but they have added certain competitions, such as the Covered Courts Championship and the Inter-County Hard-court Championships to their list of play to be noted. Partly, also, because there has really been singularly little variation in form among our players from the previous year; and the form of nearly all of the first dozen or so who follow H. W. Austin has been so in-and-out that it is almost impossible to separate them. The L.T.A. list does, indeed, separate them, with the exception of the two players on its list who jointly occupy the twelfth place; but I have preferred to bracket two or three or more players together because I consider

PERSEVERE

I include twenty players in my list, as against the twelve of the L.T.A. I feel sure (because in the course of a season I hear a good deal to this effect) that ranking lists are a real incentive to improvement. Yet a player may improve a lot in the year's play and still fail to get into a list of twelve. This may discourage him especially if he has beaten some of those who are included; but if he finds himself in my list it will show him that his improvement has been noticed by one who is in close touch with tournaments and tournament players, and encourage him to persevere. Inclusion in my list one year, I have noticed, has often led to inclusion in the L.T.A.'s list the following year.

With the necessary proviso that the list given below does, and can, indicate my personal opinions only, and that it does not carry any official sanction of any kind whatever, I subjoin it:

1. H. W. Austin (2).
2. C. E. Hare (6).
3. C. R. D. Tuckey (10).
4. D. W. Butler (6).
5. H. F. David (—).
6. H. G. N. Lee (3).
7. R. A. Shayes (19).
8. F. D. Wilde (3).
9. C. M. Jones (10).
10. D. McPhail (—).
11. J. S. Olliff (10).

EMPIRE GAMES
Australian Victories In Cycling Events

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By Ronald T. Symond

London, Feb. 8.—The 10 miles scratch race resulted in a win for Maxfield (England) in 24 minutes 44 seconds. Illicka (England) was second and Rose (South Africa) third.—Reuter.

BILLIARDS TITLE
Only Davis Enters For World Tourney

London, Feb. 8.

The British Billiards and Control Board announce that, owing to inadequate entry, the contest for the world's professional championship will not be held this year. The only entry was that of Davis, present holder.

The match at present being played at Sydney between Walter Lindrum and McConathy is not regarded as a title contest. Latest scores were Lindrum 3,123 and McConathy 1,934.—Reuter Bulletin.

12. H. Billington (10).
13. E. C. Peters (6).
14. N. Sharpe (6).
15. M. D. Deloford (6).
16. E. J. Fliby (—).
17. R. J. Ritchie (15).
18. G. R. B. Meredith (15).
19. P. V. Sherwood (15).

(N.B.—The figures in brackets show the places which the players named occupied in my list for 1936.)

Four players—F. J. Perry, G. P. Hughes, E. R. Avory, and J. L. Chamberlain—disappear from my last year's list. Perry having "gone over," and the other three having played too little competitive tennis to make it possible to estimate their present form. They are replaced by H. F. and E. J. David, E. J. Fliby, and the Scottish champion, D. McPhail. (R. K. Tindler would have found a place if business had not prevented him from playing more than a very little.)

Austin, naturally, stands alone as No. 1 in the list. It is a close thing between Hare and Tuckey for second place: Hare the more brilliant, Tuckey the more reliable. Still, Hare, at his best, has proved himself able to beat players whom Tuckey might hardly be able to tackle, and (again at his best) he would seem to deserve the higher place. This would undoubtedly be his if he could learn to keep his head at critical moments, and to time the conduct of his matches better.

A PUZZLE

Then comes a block of five whom I find it impossible to separate. Most of them have met each other more than once during the year, not always with the same result. Of the five, Shayes is certainly the most improved during the year: he is now so strong a player that, when he has learnt to concentrate more, he should be quite a possible candidate for Davis Cup play. Butler has also come on a good deal; Lee and David retain their old form remarkably well; and Wilde, when he chooses, can be very good indeed. Why singles should appear to bore him, unless under perfect conditions, is a puzzle. In the next block of three Jones has hardly fulfilled the promise of the early part of the year: he has played himself stale and lost his form. McPhail has strengthened his game very much; he is close on the heels of those above him. And Olliff has played better, and less casually, than for some time past. Another block of three includes Billington, Peters, and Sharpe—a young and very painstaking and promising player, and two almost veterans whom most young players may regard it as a great feather in their cap if they can defeat. Deloford, who comes next, has not had all a good year: I had high hopes of him after his 1936 season, but he has done little to encourage them. Of the three bracketed sixteenth, Fliby had one glorious week when he beat in succession two strong American players and Tuckey, but he has done almost nothing good since the early summer. E. J. David has played well this year, and so has Ritchie at times. My list ends with two players, Sherwood and Meredith, who, had they more opportunities for play, would be much higher up in the list. I look to Shayes, Butler, McPhail, and Billington to show a further advance in 1937, and with confidence.

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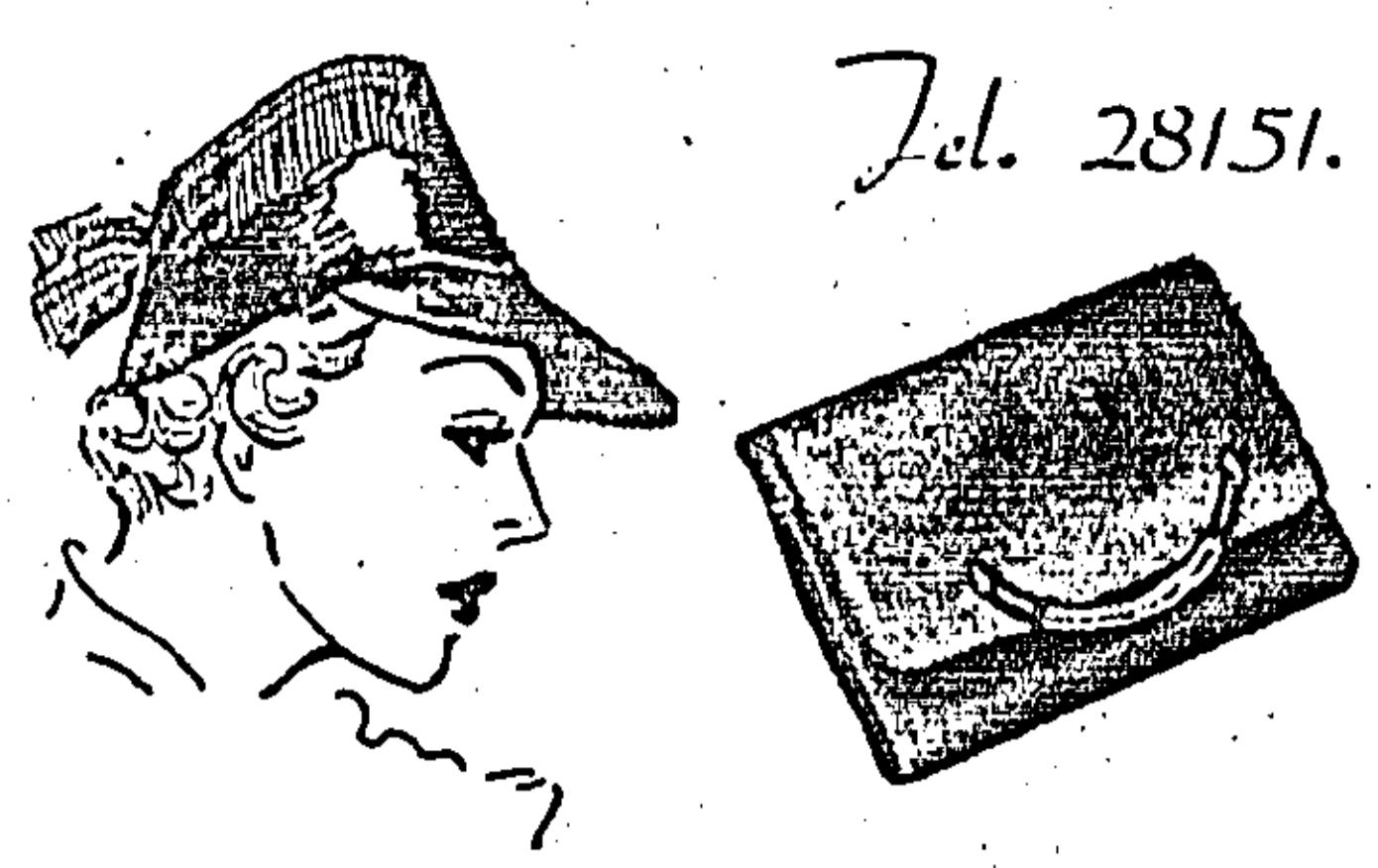
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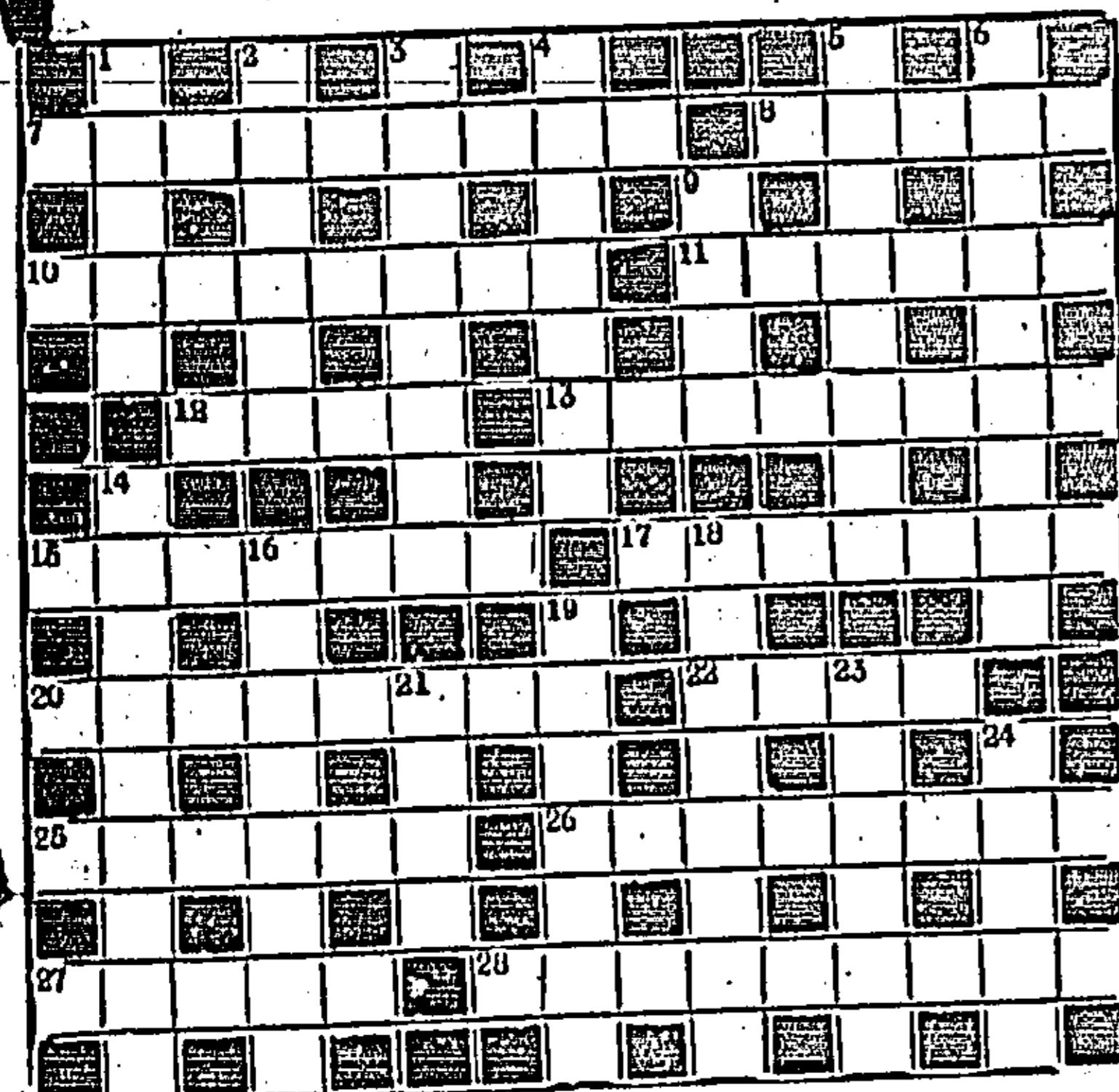
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- A poet is dull being upset (4).
- Ancestors that suggest a Zoo enclosure (8).
- Cloth for an umbrella perhaps (7).
- No, this official has not the power to let a man out on his head (7).
- Foolish-mindedness (8).
- Artists often draw this spot in Ireland (4).
- Canopy, coln, or car expert from the street (6).
- Beneficial (8).
- "This precious — set in the silver sea, this England" ("Richard II") (6).
- Boats perhaps the hunter's skill (9).

DOWN

- This sort of musical note is the making of musical instruments (6).
- Artisan, or racehorse (6).
- These creatures can live on land or in the water (6).
- It's one of the family's little quarrels that is the making of this quadruped (7).

5 There have been many famous men and one famous actress of this name (looks possibly useful for people under canvas) (8).

6 The skill of the boxer not of the jeweller (9).

9 Masonry between windows (4).

14 Does the purser give this to a passenger he wants to shun? (two words—4, 6).

16 Salutation had for Scots (8).

18 This blow might be the making of you, Sir (8).

19 Hearing someone is talking of him? (7).

21 A sweet but it apparently needs sugar (4).

23 This vessel may have still uses (6).

24 Current progress (5).

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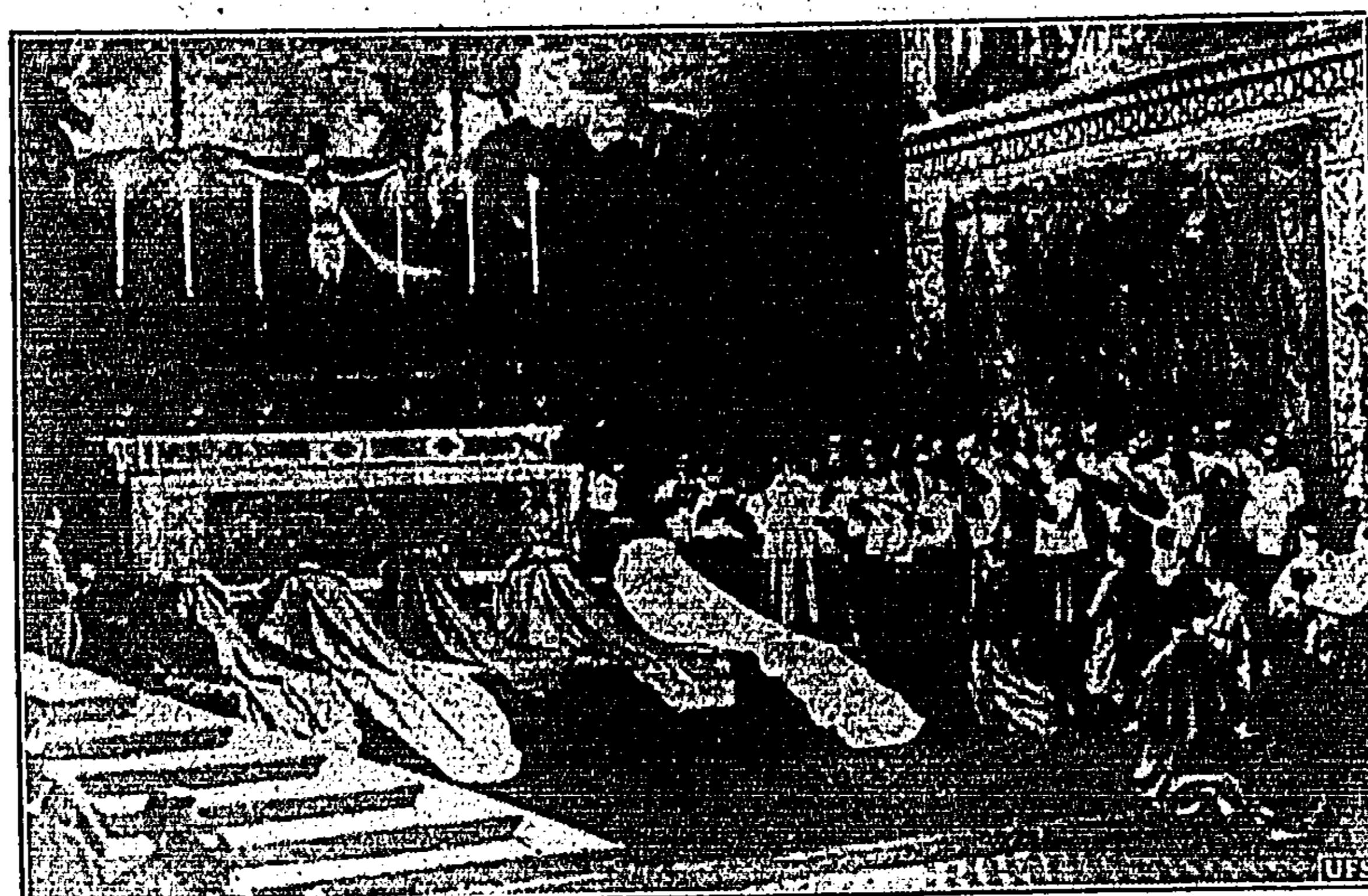
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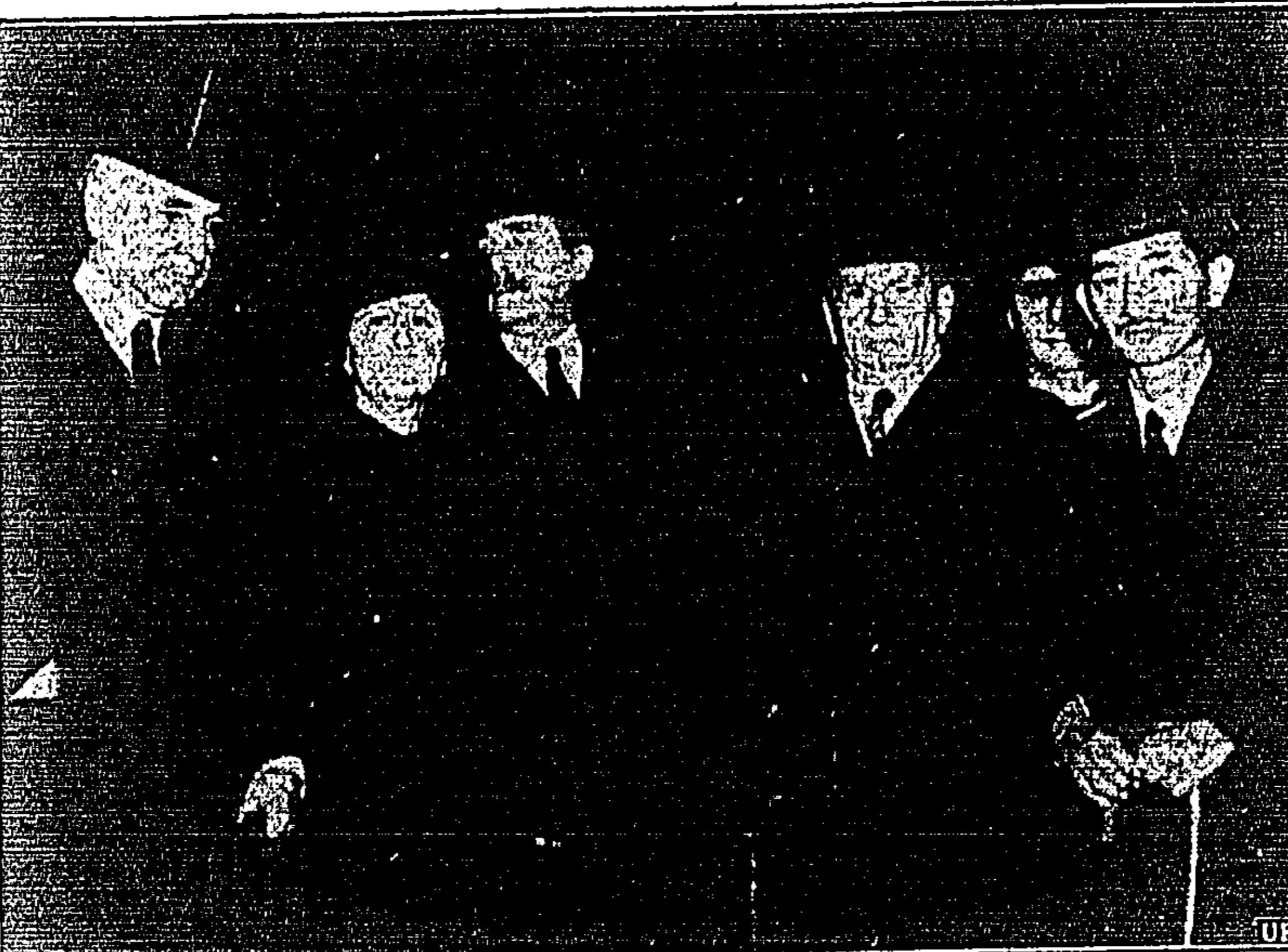
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NEWS IN PHOTOGRAPHS



FIVE NEW PRINCES—This scene is in the Sistine Chapel, Vatican City, as five new Cardinals bowed before the altar in the ceremony in which they received their red hats from the Pope. They were: Adeodato Piazza, Ermenegildo Pellegrinetti; Arthur Hinsley, Giuseppe Pizzardo and Pietro Gerlier. Cardinal Hinsley is the Archbishop of Westminster, England.



DIPLOMATS AT KELLOGG RITES—High American and foreign diplomats were present at the funeral of the late Frank B. Kellogg, former Secretary of State and Ambassador to Great Britain, in Washington Cathedral. Among them, shown above, were: Secretary of State and Mrs. Cordell Hull; Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador; Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper and Japanese Ambassador Hiroki Saito. They are shown leaving the Cathedral.



FUTURE NORSE RULERS—Here is a new and exclusive picture of Crown Prince Olaf and his wife, Princess Martha, with their children, Princess Astrid, left, Prince Harald and Princess Ragnhild. It is expected that some day Prince Olaf will succeed his father, King Haakon VII, as Norway's ruler. Princess Martha was a sister of the late Queen Astrid of Belgium.

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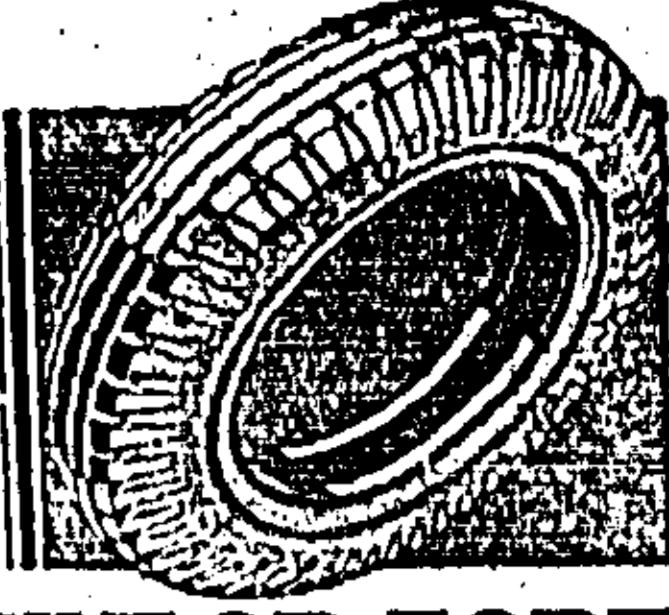
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JAPAN TO REJECT POWERS' DEMANDS

WON'T DISCLOSE NAVY PROGRAMME PRESS DECLARES

Invocation of Escalator Clause Considered "Act of Arrogance"

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

The Foreign Office and Ministry of Navy have drafted replies "rejecting the unreasonable demand" of the British, French and American notes regarding Japanese naval construction, according to the *Asahi Shimbun*.

The replies are being despatched on Thursday or Friday, at the latest, adds the paper, which also says that the phraseology in the three replies is slightly different "but the essential points are the same in substance."

OUTLINE: The *Asahi Shimbun's* version of draft reply is summarised as follows:

Japan has not participated in advance notification clause of the San Francisco Naval Treaty of 1930, so there is under no obligation to the Powers regarding naval.

The invocation of the escalator clause of the treaty is rather an act of arrogance, which matter does Japan.

Japanese policy of autonomous development based on non-menace and aggression remains unchanged, and is ready at any time to enter discussion for qualitative reduction of the quantitative issue.

EARLIER OPTIMISM

TOKYO, Feb. 9. It is expected that the conclusion of the naval consultations will be reached to-day, and the authorities will then begin drafting a reply to the various notes received from Britain, the United States and France.

There is not the slightest indication of the nature of these replies, although many observers in high circles feel that world nervousness, due to possible expansion by the nations, should be calmed. Because of this some predict that the reply will reiterate Japan's willingness for a discussion directed towards a limitation in building, providing basis, namely, that a genuine reduction will be made with a common upper limit. However, Japan is not expected to initiate such a discussion.

NO FORECAST POSSIBLE

Naval commentators told the United Press that it was impossible to forecast the reply, and they could not discuss it even to the extent of denying foreign rumours before the reply was completed.

The present indication is that Japan does not desire to antagonise the other Powers. Hence her reply will be courteous despite press complaints of an attempt to learn the Japanese naval programme by high-handed procedure.

Some announcement of the progress in the consultations and the reply to be made is expected some time to-day.—United Press.

TO TACKLE PALESTINE PROBLEMS

Commission Soon To Be Announced

London, Feb. 8. When the composition of the new Palestine Commission is announced shortly, it is expected that it will be found to consist of four members—one legal expert, one financial expert, one with administrative experience, and the fourth with experience in boundary commissions.

Invitations to serve on the Commission have already been sent, and it is hoped that the Commission will be in a position to begin its fact-finding work in Palestine in seven or eight weeks.—Reuter Special.

Battleships Best Weapon Of Defence

But Are Vulnerable Admits Expert

Washington, Feb. 8.

On the controversial subject as to the value of national aerial and arms defence, Admiral William Leahy testified to a special committee today that battleships were the best modern defence weapon, but were not invulnerable, as they could be sunk either by aerial bombs or by torpedoes if struck often enough in the right places.

Admiral Leahy closed his testimony to-day, and the committee went into recess until to-morrow.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

Britain Pleased With Italy

Mediterranean Aid May Lead To Improved Relations

London, Feb. 8. Italy's decision to apply measures for strengthening the Nyon agreement in accord with steps taken by the British Government to meet the recent revival of piracy in the western Mediterranean has caused satisfaction in official circles in London, where it is hoped this may pave the way to further and more effective co-operation in other aspects of the Spanish conflict.

It is learned there already have been helpful conversations between the Foreign Secretary and the Italian Ambassador on these matters, and it is understood that the British Government is anxious to make further progress in this respect during the present week. If unity of purpose and action of the two governments on the Spanish issue can be achieved—thus eliminating an important source of difference—their prospects of a general understanding between Rome and London will automatically improve.—British Wireless.

Although not assuring the complete revival of the capital markets, some authorities say that the Bill would broaden and aid the investment field, and would be psychologically favourable.—United Press.

C\$100,000 TO AID INDUSTRY

New York, Feb. 8. The House Banking Committee has approved a Bill for the permanent application to the Commodity Credit Corporation of \$100,000,000. The Bill provides that the Treasury must replenish any impairment in the capital.

The original capital of \$100,000,000 is expected to be impaired to the extent of \$80,000,000 by March 31, on the basis of the present cotton prices, according to the investigation committee.

The maintenance of the full capital is desirable to add vim and to enable the C.C.C. fully to avail itself of the authorisation of the issue of debentures five times the amount of the capital.—Reuter Special.

Dr. R. B. Gray Robbed Of Large Sum

The loss of a wallet containing three £5 New Zealand notes, and local currency to the total value of \$20 from his residence between 10 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. on Monday, has been reported to the police by Dr. R. B. Gray, of 15 Seymour Terrace, Mrs. W. Kirk, of 8 Po Shan Road, reported to the police the loss of a fur between Hillwood Road and St. Andrew's Church yesterday.

WINE AFTER BATTLE



These battle-grimed soldiers of Japan pause during operations between Wushu and Nanking for refreshment—hot sake.

NO REPORT OF LANDING

There is as yet no report of a large-scale landing of Japanese in South China, in spite of the prediction that one would be attempted to-day.

Shanghai, Feb. 9.

Unconfirmed Chinese reports from Hongkong "originating" in Japanese sources, say three Japanese divisions will attempt to land in South China to-day.

Chinese official quarters ridicule the report, although it is considered an attack is possible within two weeks.—United Press.

FILLIP TO PRIVATE CAPITAL

NEW U.S. SCHEME HINTED

Washington, Feb. 8.

It is learned that the Administration is considering legislation to permit national banks to underwrite securities, thus seeking to stimulate private capital.

Well-informed circles state that fiscal officials are studying the tentative draft of a bill, although the Treasury has disclosed knowledge of this. The Bill would permit national banks to underwrite the same type of securities which they are at present allowed to buy, which in effect, would limit their underwriting largely to bonds, since banks are prohibited from purchasing stocks.

Although not assuring the complete revival of the capital markets, some authorities say that the Bill would broaden and aid the investment field, and would be psychologically favourable.—United Press.

DEATH OF GREEK CABINET MINISTER

Athens, Feb. 8.

The death is announced of Mons. P. Rodias, Finance Minister of the Greek Government.—Reuter.

Munitions Ship On Way To Hongkong

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 8. A newspaper report says that the States Steamship Company's *Kentucky* sailed in December, and the *Michigan* sailed in January, en route to Hongkong carrying munitions.

The *Kentucky* promised a bonus to her crew of \$500, and the *Michigan* \$515, in addition to establishing \$10,000 war-risk insurance for each sailor, and paying longshoremen at overtime scale of wages for loading explosives.—United Press.

RAIDERS ALARM CANTON

Shameen Hears Crash Of Bombs But Sees No Planes

Canton, Feb. 8. The air raid alarm sounded shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, and later several explosions were heard in the district by Shameen residents.

At least seven bombs were dropped in districts north of Sichuan.

No planes were sighted, due to the dull weather conditions, but the roar of engines was audible.—Reuter.

NINE PLANES ATTACK RAILWAY

Canton, Feb. 8. An official report states that nine Japanese planes participated in this morning's raid, dropping a number of bombs at Shekou, apparently aiming at the Kowloon-Canton railway.

The damage has not yet been ascertained.—Reuter.

RENEWED ATTACKS

Canton, Feb. 9. After a respite of two days, the Japanese planes renewed their air attacks in Kwangtung yesterday.

The air raid alarm was sounded in Canton at 9 a.m. when a Japanese plane was sighted flying over the Bocca Tigris Forts. The plane later circled over the Canton-Samshui Railway and flew off to sea without dropping any bombs.

A second alarm was given around 2 p.m. when 13 planes in three groups came from the direction of Tongkwan. Eight of them attempted to fly into Canton city but were driven off by heavy Chinese anti-aircraft gunfire. They dropped several bombs in the suburbs before they departed.

Others attacked Po On, Lotung on the Canton-Hankow Railway and Shekou on the Canton-Kowloon Railway. Damage was slight.—Central News.

Koreans Aid Chinese

Hankow, Feb. 8.

More than 40,000 Koreans are now joining the Chinese volunteers in Manchuria harassing the Japanese, according to Mr. Chin Chiu, a leader of the Korean Nationalist Party, in a recent interview.

Ever since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, many Koreans wished to come to fight for China. However, he said, the difficulty of leaving Korea accounts for the small number of Koreans actively serving this country.

Japanese surveillance has rendered revolutionary activities in Korea extremely difficult, Mr. Chin revealed.

But in Soviet Russia the Koreans have much freedom. They are allowed to arm themselves, and form revolutionary organisations openly.

Mr. Chin paid a high tribute to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's determination and fortitude in resisting Japanese invasion. He expressed profound confidence in the ultimate victory of China.—Central News.

DEATH OF GREEK CABINET MINISTER

Athens, Feb. 8.

The death is announced of Mons. P. Rodias, Finance Minister of the Greek Government.—Reuter.

EARLIER DESPATCHES TOLD OF STEADILY ADVANCING COLUMNS

Mobile Units Fire Fuel Tanks At Airport; Very Severe Fighting

(Special to "Telegraph")

Hankow, Feb. 9.

The *Sao Tang Pao*, official Chinese military organ, to-day confirms that Chinese troops have recaptured Wuhu, after furious fighting yesterday.

Chinese reports state that mobile units reached the airport and set fire to the gasoline storage tanks there. Very heavy fighting was proceeding near-by.

No details of the entry into the city are obtainable.—United Press.

EARLIER DESPATCHES

Hankow, Feb. 9.

It is officially reported that the Chinese attack on Wuhu is now within three miles of that city.

An unconfirmed report states that Chinese planes raided the Japanese lines there and severely pounded the defending troops.—United Press.

ITALY MAY CLEAR OUT OF SPAIN

Remarkable Article Says She Wants Peace With Britain

London, Feb. 8.

The *Evening Star* carried banner lines to-day announcing "Mussolini Will Fight No More In Spain." Beneath was a story by the newspaper's political writer, in which he said: "Mussolini, I am now certain, is preparing to leave Spain lock, stock and barrel. Forces which led him to withdraw men secretly some weeks ago are growing stronger."

Even if it looked as though General Franco were winning, he has "too monarchial views to please the dictator," adds the article.

"Abyssinia is calling for troops and may need more. The last straw is the dramatic change in Germany, with the possibility of a threat to Austria. Against repercussions of this nature, Mussolini wants to mass troops on the north-east frontier of Italy."

The writer said that Mussolini's only price will be the resumption of the Anglo-Italian talks for which Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Neville Chamberlain have laid down conditions as indispensable preludes, firstly, the cessation of Italian anti-British Propaganda in the Near East, and secondly non-intervention in Spain.

"Recently Italy has shown an eagerness to meet those two conditions. Italy cannot spare men and supplies, and Hitler's intentions in Central Europe have roused Italy's suspicions."—United Press.

SURPRISE ATTACK

Hsichow, Feb. 9.

A Chinese "dare-to-die" corps made a surprise attack on the Japanese troops at Fengyang at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Armed with hand grenades the Chinese soldiers charged and hurled their explosives. It is claimed 300 were killed and 20 truckloads of ammunition were destroyed.

Japanese troops launched an attack on the Chinese positions at Liufu, west of the railway, yesterday afternoon. After a two-hour brisk engagement, Chinese reinforcements arrived and drove back the invaders who left 300 dead on the battlefield. The Chinese losses were also great.

Chinese military circles state that the Japanese sustained considerable losses on February 7 when a squadron of Chinese planes bombed Japanese positions at Pengpu and Huayuan.—Central News.

Englishmen Prefer To Suffer

London, Feb. 8.

The Minister of Health stated to-day in a speech at Ipswich that of the 200,000 fractures treated annually in the hospitals of Great Britain, only one quarter are dealt with in the departments organised in accordance with the most modern principles, which, it had been shown, not only saved much suffering and discomfort, but reduced the period of disability.

Sir Kingsley Wood appealed for an increased support of the improved fracture services.—British Wireless.

Despite many clashes, there has been no major change on the southern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front during the last two days.

In anticipation of a major battle the Chinese military command has rushed heavy reinforcements to the north bank of the Hwai River and has ordered the defence works there to be strengthened.

Military observers believe that the main objective of the Japanese drive

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Cut this out
and paste it
in your
Cookery Book

LEMON CURD

THIS is a useful standby for tarts and sandwiches. Put 1lb. of butter into a saucepan, let it melt slowly then stir in a pound of caster sugar and the juice and finely grated yellow part of the rind of four lemons. Stir in four beaten eggs and cook very slowly, stirring well, until the curd thickens, then put into small jars and cover. It is important not to let the mixture boil hard after the eggs have been added, or curdling will take place.

Orange curd can be made in the same way, using three oranges and one lemon in place of four lemons.

For a change in tarts, make short-crust pastry cases, put a teaspoonful of finely chopped candied peel at the bottom, cover with lemon or orange curd, top with meringue mixture, and dredge caster sugar over before browning lightly in the oven.

Finnish Tea-
Parties

THE women of Finland are very fond of entertaining, and, as they make perfect hostesses, tea-parties are a popular form of entertainment in Finland during the winter. The Finns are by no means rich people, and the housekeeper has to manage on a small allowance, so she does not entertain in an extravagant fashion.

As electricity is cheap, the women can make their flats warm and comfortable at very little cost. Coloured lights make the Finnish homes look charming at night.

The tea-party is a jolly affair. It usually begins about seven o'clock and lasts till ten or eleven. The hostess never overcrows her room with guests, and she knows the art of creating an atmosphere of friendliness.

Tea is served in glasses with lemon. A Finnish teapot is a weird-looking affair. There are two storeys. The upper storey is filled with boiling water.

A side table is laden with all kinds of delicious sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, fruits, and sweets. You eat till evening at a Finnish tea-party.

Every guest takes a present of fruit, cake, sweets, or flowers to the hostess. Flowers and much appreciated; for they are scarce and expensive during the long cold winter. Finnish women like all kinds of flowers. They depend upon them to decorate their rooms, which seldom have any ornaments or even pictures in them.

When saying "good-bye" you always thank your hostess for the good things you have eaten, especially mentioning anything that has taken your fancy which you have not tasted before.

If you meet your hostess in the street next day you must stop and shake hands with her and thank her again for her kind hospitality.

M. W.

Reducing Noise
in the Home

THIS is an age of noise and bustle, but it is the minor household noises that play havoc with the frazzled nerves of the housewife. Sudden piercing noises thrust themselves upon our attention, and quite often they are easily remedied.

The slamming of a door, that comes almost like a box on the ears, can so easily be put right. Yet how often is it taken, as something we have to put up with? A drop of oil on the lock and a little rubber door-stop will work wonders.

Shrinking windows that need vicious jerks to get up or down will glide quite freely with the aid of a little lard and some oil on the pulleys. The one that rattles can be fixed in a second with a couple of small wedges.

We all know the shrill squeak that is inherent in moving furniture. It

is just another of those things that "can't be helped." Just another case where a little oil on the casters would mean a little less wear on jaded nerves.

While attending to inside doors, do not forget the front gate that heralds callers with a whine and a clatter. If it slams too hard, the spring needs adjusting until it only just shuts, and hold the noise is gone at once. A very loose latch may be another source of noise. Give the hinges a little attention with that universal remedy, the oil-can, and they will no longer whine a welcome to visitors.

It is surprising how tempers improve when these small, irritating things are remedied.

Make up your mind to go round all the household irritants at the

SHALL WE HOBBLE
in the SPRINGTIME?

—asks MARY
GRACE

IT is rather thrilling on dull winter days to take a peep behind the scenes and catch a glimpse of what we shall be wearing when spring returns.

A few of the secrets from the dress world are leaking out, and as you will see by the models drawn by my artist, fashion takes a short cut.

Everything points to skirts shortening up, and my pet fabric manufacturer tells me that suits are taking a yard less material.

So we can bank on neat pencil slim skirts. Some of these I have seen are nearly hobble! "To hobble or not to hobble" is a thought that is exercising the minds of many designers just now.

★ ★

Let's take the afternoon frock first. This is after all the backbone of the average woman's wardrobe. Fashion interest goes to the top of the dress, necklines are high and waists can find no definite line at the moment.

The most popular style is the high Empire effect, as shown in the top left-hand sketch, with pleated chiffon attractively introduced in the bodice.

The seeming severity of afternoon styles is offset by the use of softer materials such as lace and filmy fabrics; as well as heavy jewellery of rather barbaric design.

Brooches for instance run to repetition; one at the neckline has its twin at the waist.

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Coats have two silhouettes, both on the short side. The full skirt and fitting bodice or the wrap-over style of ten years ago, when we all walked about clutching our hips and hugging our top coats closely about us.

The majority are collarless (or flat fur is used down the fronts), narrow at the neck and widening at the foot, or long haired furs swirl round the hem.

There is a hint of a lower waist-line in the model coat and skirt illustrated. There will be more suits than ever this spring, but with a difference. The strictly classic cut will be the exception, not the rule. Styles will be waisted, softly tailored, more jaunty and youthful.

Jackets will follow the curves of the figure with soft but not crisp revers, and a daintier look to the coat below the waistline.

With these little coats are worn skirts that tend to drain-pipe lines.

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NEW COLOURS

PINK clover is destined to be the popular colour for the spring. A blouse of it goes with every navy blue suit. Emerald green and London tan make a fashionable "match."

With black, striped materials in multi-colours give the required contrast. Rose pink and smoke grey are also seen together.

The new high-waisted spring coat with turn-back fronts to show a leopard spot lining.

JUNIOR COLUMN
Ever tried
thought-reading?

TRY a little thought-reading with your friends; they will think you are a wizard. Sit down a little distance from paper. Ask for another name and write on another sheet, and so on small sheets of paper and a pencil on each sheet has been written upon.

Now fold each piece of paper neatly and drop them into a hat. Mix them well, and then ask some one to take out one of the papers and hold it still folded. Then take the remaining five sheets and tear them to tiny pieces and scatter them on a plate.

Tell your audience that in the scraps you can read the name written on the selected paper. When you announce the name, the paper will be opened and found to be correct.

The secret of this trick is that you write down the first name given to you, and after that, no matter what names are called out, you write on the pieces of paper the one first given.

Cheap Eating

DO you want to know of a really economical pet—one that lives on the least food?

Then try keeping moths—they eat only holes.

Can she walk in this? Note how a basqued coat emphasises the pencil narrowness of the skirt!

Your Daily "Half-Dozen"

THERE are three paramount factors the shoulder, repeating this twelve times, as though this stiff arm were the sail of a windmill. This exercise promotes circulation and develops the upper arm and shoulder. Repeat this exercise twelve times with each arm.

(2) With the hands on the hips, raise yourself on the toes and bend the knees outwards twelve times, keeping the back straight and the head erect. This keeps the leg muscles and joints supple and promotes circulation. Do the exercise as quickly as you can.

(3) With the hands on the hips and the feet wide apart, bend the body about halfway forward. From this position bend it sideways, backwards and sideways again to complete a circle to the first position. Repeat this rotary movement of the trunk six times in each direction. It is a strong developer of the abdominal muscles and the small of the back. It is a powerful aid to circulation.

The exercises which I am going to suggest should be called your daily "half-dozen," for there are six of them. They should be performed, if possible, before your bath in the morning. Take a warm bath (not too hot), and follow it with a cold sponge down, which is splendid for maintaining the circulation induced by the exercises.

Rhythmic Exercises

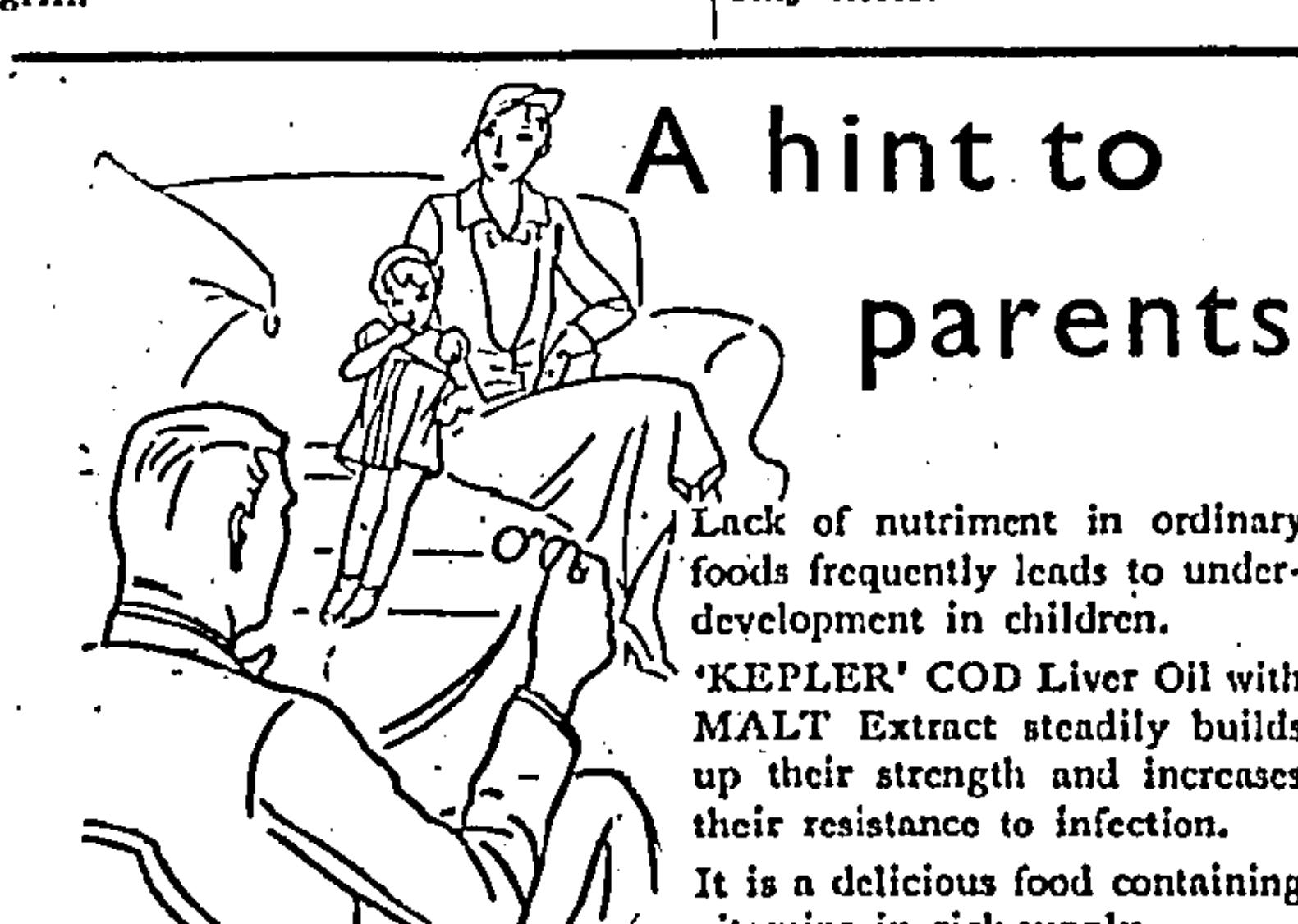
Each of the exercises is calculated to promote either good circulation (which gives a clear skin), respiration, which induces even chest development; and, thirdly, massage of the internal organs, which aids sound and healthy digestion. In addition, the heart, lungs and joints are kept in good condition, and even development of the figure ensured. They are simple and easy to perform, and in each there is a certain rhythm which gives infinite satisfaction. Do them every morning; make them a habit in the greatest persuasive force in the world.

(4) Lie on the chest with the hands close to the sides and the forehead touching the ground. Raise the head and shoulders as far as possible, making an arch of the back. Repeat this half a dozen times to beautify and strengthen the whole back.

(5) Lie on the back with the hands behind the head. Raise the knees as far as possible, then straighten them and lower them very slowly. This exercise is of great benefit to the digestive organs and the internal "works" particularly.

(6) With the feet astride and the hands above the head, slowly raise the arms above the head, breathing deeply and keeping the arms straight. Bend the body forward, breathing out at the same time and reaching under the legs with the hands. From this position raise the body once more, the hands coming first, at the same time breathing deeply in, until the arms are above the head once more. Lower the arms to the side and breathe out. Repeat the exercise six times. This ensures flexibility of the spine and full development of the chest and lungs and back.

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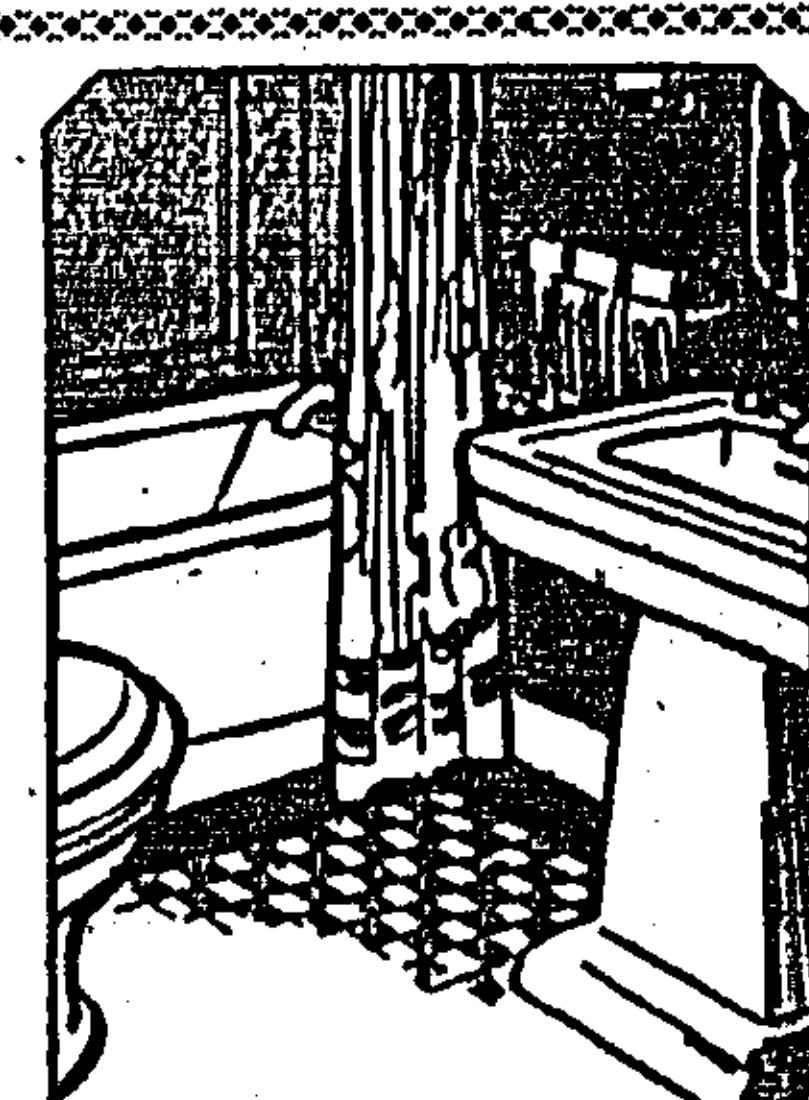
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Japanese Raider Reported Shot Down

FOREIGNERS SEE RUNNING FIGHT ABOVE HANKOW

5,000 Students Narrowly Escape Death From Bombs

Hankow, Feb. 9.

Chinese sources state that one Japanese plane was shot down during yesterday's raid on Hankow. The machine allegedly crashed in a ditch at Hsiahsinchi, 35 kilometres north of Hankow.

Damage as a result of the bombing was negligible, although one Chinese soldier was killed at Hanyang.

Foreigners who watched the raid from the oil companies' installations, tell of an exciting dog-fight which lasted ten minutes. It appears one of the raiders became detached from the formation, whereupon Chinese pursuit planes made a bee-line for it. The Japanese zoomed upward, but the pursuit followed.

In the end the raider appeared to come down a few miles away. But he was lost to view. The report immediately circulated that a Japanese plane had crashed, but no definite confirmation was available.

The oil installations are situated about six miles down-river from Hankow, which is just about where the Chinese machines would wait for the raiders to cut them off.

5,000 Students Endangered

Over 5,000 Chinese students had a narrow escape when the bombers came over. They had gathered in Chungshan Park, situated next to the airfield, to celebrate "Youth Day," in connection with the world peace movement and were just about to commence the ceremonies when the first Japanese planes appeared. Fortunately no bombs were dropped on the park and after the raiders had left the students paraded the streets of the city.

Apparently a large part of central China was bombed during the afternoon. A foreign report from Ichang states that eleven bombers dropped 60 bombs on the airfield there, though damage is unknown.

Chinese reports state that Shasi, a Yangtze port 75 miles south-east from Ichang, had its first taste of Japanese aerial attacks.

It is believed other cities were also visited, as it was learned that 35 bombers set out shortly before noon from a Japanese aerodrome in the Nanking area.—Reuter.

Hankow Raided

Hankow, Feb. 9. Eleven Japanese planes raided Hankow yesterday at 3 p.m.

They bombed Hanyang and Chinkow, a suburb, scattering their missiles along the railway and lines of communication instead of concentrating them upon the airfield as previously.

The raiders evidently avoided the vigilant look-outs, for they appeared only two minutes after the urgent alarm had sounded.

Anti-aircraft batteries engaged them heavily, and shell-bursts were

CLOUSTON CRASHES AT CYPRUS

Attempt On Record Ends Dismally

Nicosia, Cyprus, Feb. 8. Flying Officer A. C. Clouston, who with a newspaper correspondent was attempting to fly from England to New Zealand and back in 12 days, crashed when landing here this morning, owing to a burst tire.

There were no casualties. The airmen propose returning to England by boat on February 12.—Reuter.

Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Betty Green last year succeeded in establishing a new record on an England to South Africa and return flight.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks, \$1,475 b. cum. div. H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £80 n. ex. div.

Chartered Banks, £12½ n. Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £20 n. Merchantile Bank, C. £14 n. East Asia Bank, \$92 b.

Insurances

Canton Ins., \$260 n.

Union Ins., \$500 b.

China Underwriters, \$1.40 b.

H.K. Fire Ins., \$240 n.

Shipping

Douglas, \$57½ b.

H.K. Steamboats, \$9½ n.

Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.

Indo-China (Dct.), \$43 n.

Shell Bearer 91/10½ n.

Union Waterboats, \$9.30 n.

Docks, etc.

H.K. & Wharves, \$117½ b.

H.K. W. Docks, \$28½ b.

Providents (old), \$2.55 b.

Providents (new), 50 cts. b.

New Engineers, Sh. \$5 n.

Shanghai Docks, Sh.

Kallang Mining Adm., 14/- n.

Raubs, \$7½ n.

Venz. Goldfield, \$4 n.

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Baguio Gold, P. 24 sa.

Benguet Consol., P. 9.00 sa.

Benguet Explor., —

Big Wedge, P. —

Coco Grove, P. 64 sa.

Consolidated Mines, P. .011 sa.

Demonstrations, P. 43 sa.

E. Mindanao, P. —

Gumus G'fields, P. —

Ipo Gold, P. —

I.X.L., P. 68 sa.

Itogons, P. —

Mabata Consols., P. —

Min. Resources, P. —

Northern Min., P. —

Paracale Gumus, P. —

Salacot Mining, P. —

San Mauricio, P. .74 sa.

Suyos Consol., P. 20½ sa.

United Paracales, P. .53 sa.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$6.00 b.

H.K. Lands, \$32¾ n.

H.K. Lands, 4% Debent, \$100 n.

Sh'l Lands, Sh. \$0½ sa.

Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —

Humphries, \$8¾ n.

H.K. Realities, \$4.75 b.

Chinese Estates, \$86 n.

China Realities, Sh. —

China Debent, —

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways, \$14.00 b.

Peak Trams (old), \$0½ b.

Peak Trams (new), \$3¾ b.

Star Ferries \$87 s.

Yaumati Ferries (old), \$24 n.

China Light (old), \$10.00 b.

H.K. Electric, \$56 b.

Macao Electric, \$10½ b.

Joint Defence Measures By Japan And Germany

Tokyo, Feb. 9. Japan and Germany are exchanging information regarding joint defence measures in line with the anti-Comintern Pact, the Home Office has revealed.

A spokesman announced that the Japanese Government is contemplating the organisation of a special staff of officials to be stationed in Tokyo, Berlin and Rome, to enforce the tripartite Anti-Comintern Pact.—Reuter.

U.S. CRUISER TO VISIT HONGKONG

The U.S.S. light cruiser Marblehead, rarely seen in Hongkong, will be in harbour from February 11 to 16 on a visit from the north. One of the Omaha class ships, the Marblehead was built in 1923 and cost over \$8,000,000. She has a standard displacement of 7,050 tons and is 550 feet in length; alterations to her battery had to be made after she was completed, in order to improve her seaworthiness. Her armament now includes 11 six-inch guns.

S. AFRICA BANS AIR SERVICES

Capetown, Feb. 9. The Finance Minister of the Union of South Africa, Mr. Pirow, stated to-day that no Italian, Dutch or German air service would be allowed to operate in any part of the Union, as air service over the country must be absolutely reciprocal, and the countries mentioned cannot do so.—Reuter Bulletin.

Sandakan Lights, \$14½ n. Telephone (old), \$26.00 n. Telephone (new), \$9 n. China Buses, Sh. — Singapore Tractions, 22/6 n. Singapore Pref., 23/- n. Industrials Cald: Maeg. (old), Sh. \$14½ n. Cald: Maeg. (Pref.), Sh. \$15 n. Canton Ices, \$1.70 n. Cement, \$13.65 b. H.K. Ropes, \$4.50 n. Stores, etc. Dairy Farm, \$25 b. Watsons, \$5.10 n. Lane Crawfords, \$7 n. Sinceros, \$1.75 n. Wing On (H.K.), \$30 n. Wm. Powells, 75 cts. s. Cotton Mills Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$10½ n. Sh'l Cotton (old), Sh. \$57 n. Zoon Sings, Sh. — Wing On Textiles, Sh. — Miscellaneous H.K. Entertainments, \$6.25 n. Constructions, \$1½ b. Vibra Piling, \$6 n. Ch. Govt. 5% 1915 GSBds. 64% n. H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 2% ex. int. prim. n. H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan par n. Wallace Harpers, \$5½ b. Marsmans Ins. (Lon.), s/ 18/- n. Marsmans Inv. (H.K.), s/ 4/3 b.

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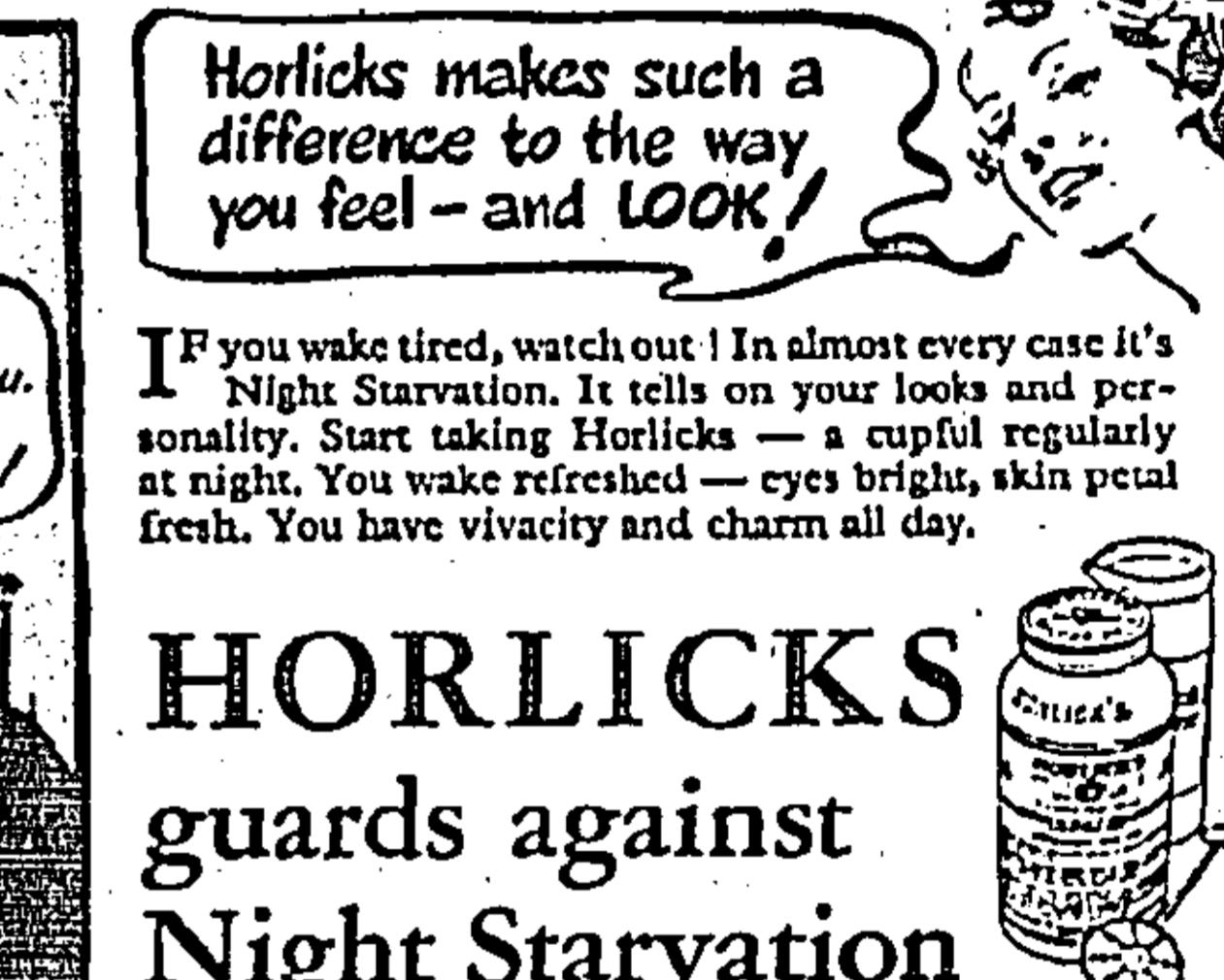
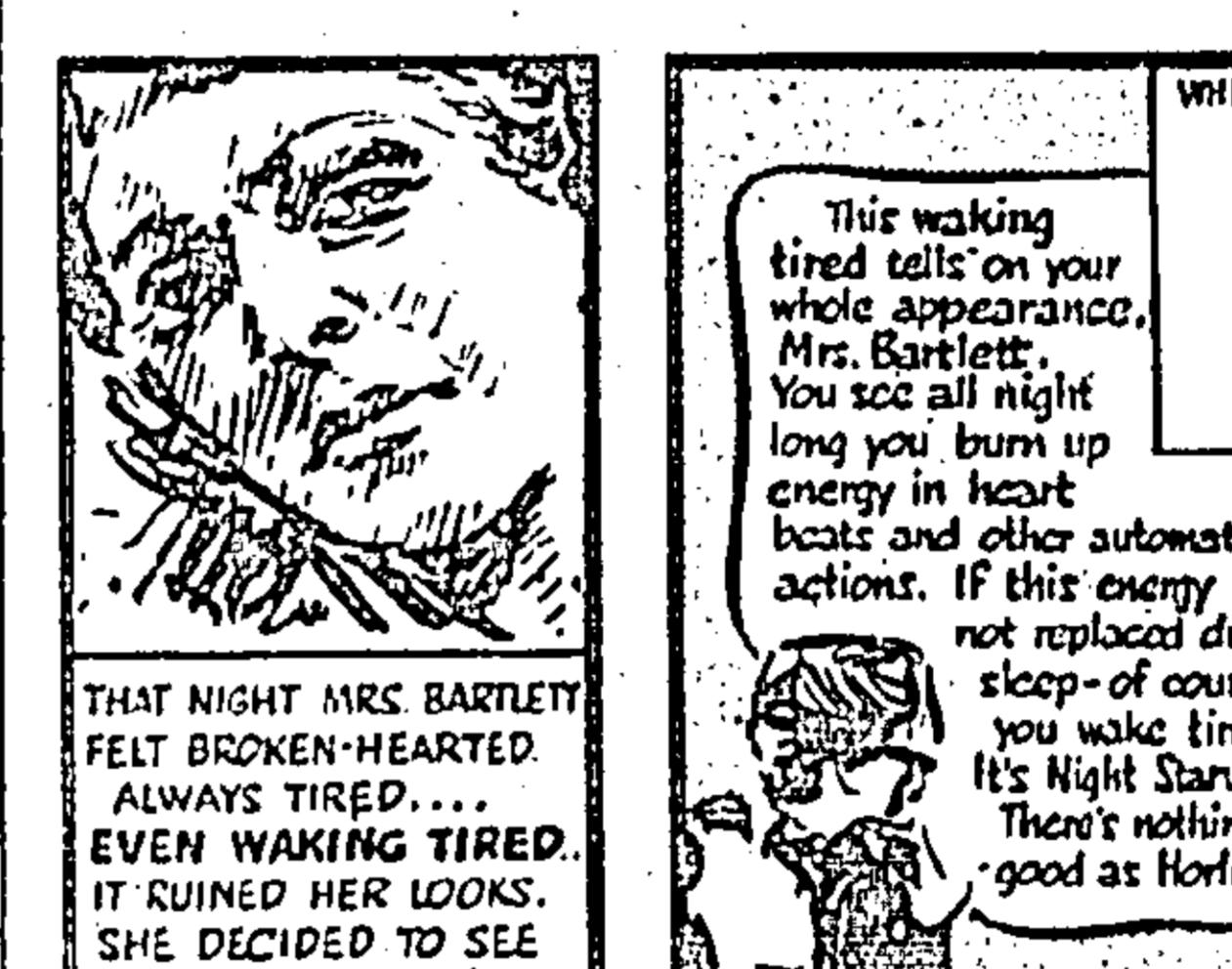
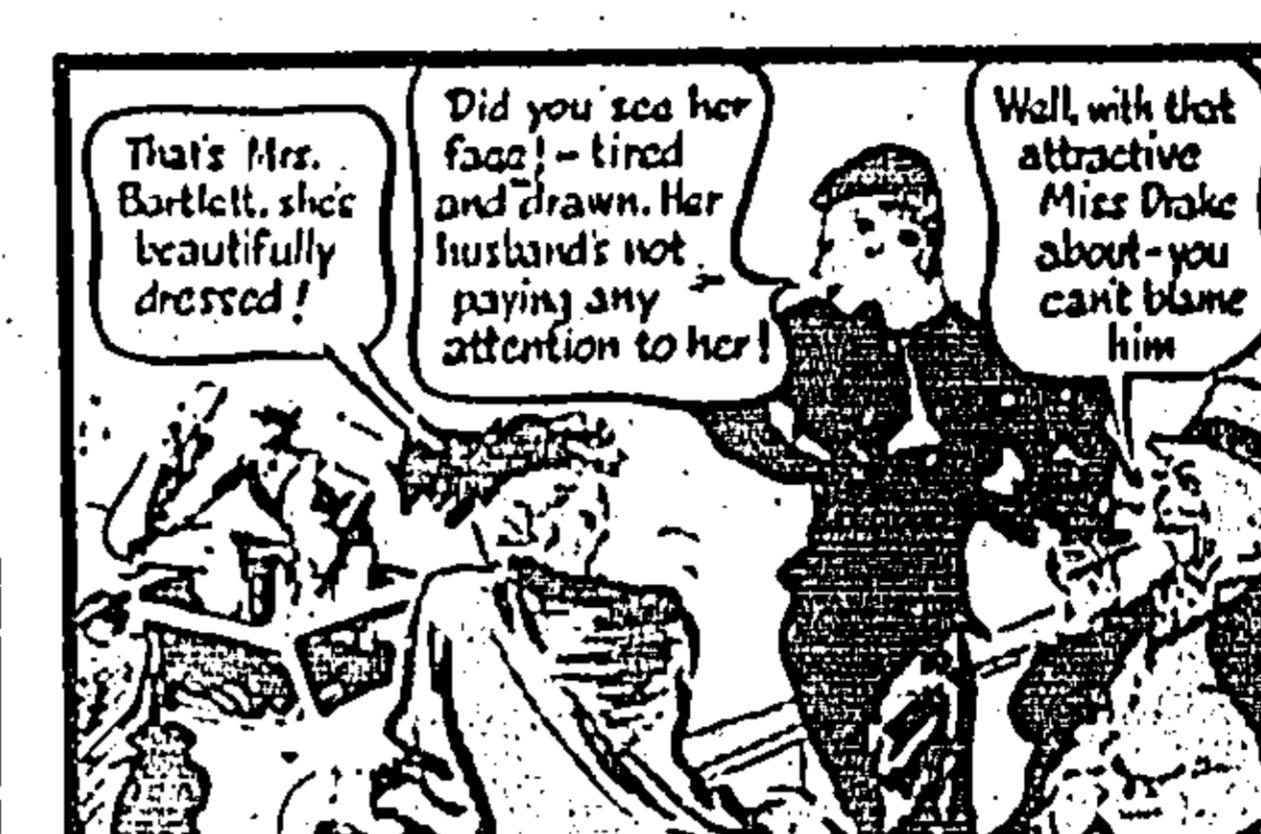
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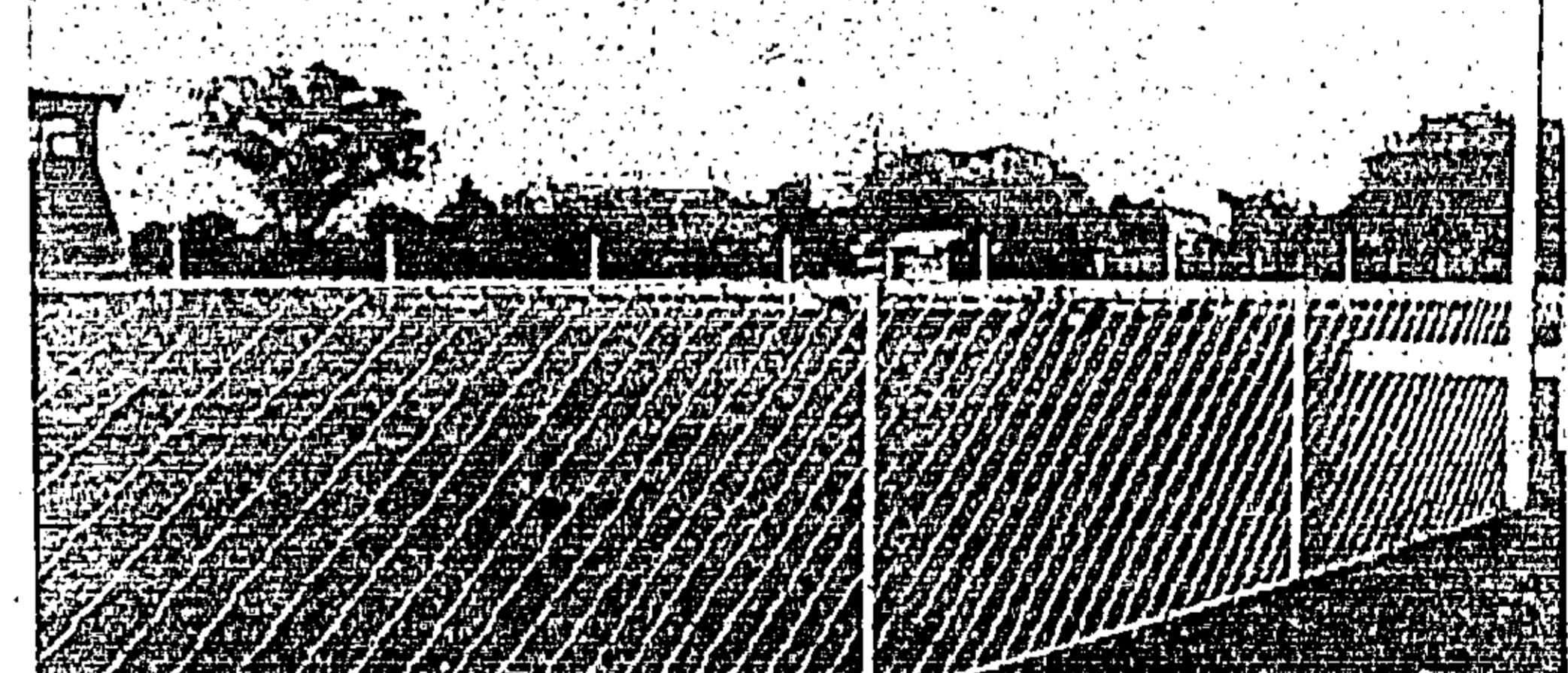
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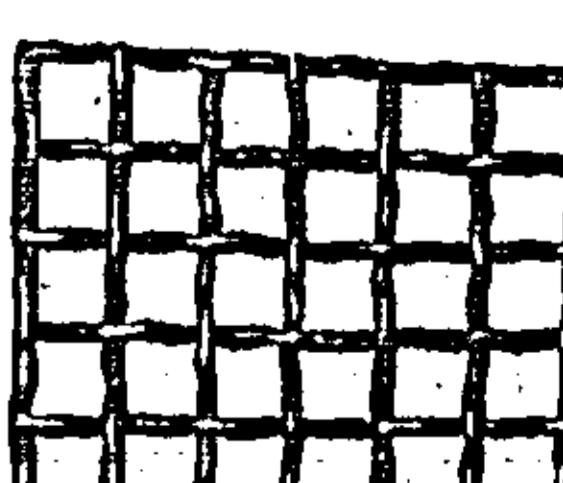
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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Feb. 8. S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets.

Lack of definite news on the Street is attributed to the rise of various rumours, one of which, although entirely unconfirmed, is to the effect the President Roosevelt will promise another business breathing spell in his forthcoming radio broadcast. The Street has been heartened by the progress of U.S. Steel negotiations, the early settlement of which, it is hoped, would stabilise steel prices and release orders. Additional items of news today were a curtailment in crude oil production, the weakness of basic metals and an increase in unemployment in Great Britain.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The market abruptly reversed its trend to-day, without any specific news, although there have been rumours of bullish Washington developments. We would not buy on the current strength. Business failures for the week totalled 256. Bank deposits for the week amounted to \$14,404,000.

Cotton: The adoption by the House of Representatives of a rule limiting the debate on the Farm Bill to 4 hours is construed as favourable to the passage of the Bill, which then goes to the Senate. Prices of cotton advanced sharply on the news.

Wheat: The continued drought in the South-West is considered by some authorities not to be a major price factor for the present, as the growth of the crop begins at the end of February. The market to-day responded to the favourable action of stocks, moderate exports, and covering by shorts.

Copper: The market to-day is featureless.

Rubber: There is some belief that the foreign political situation will tend towards accumulation of stocks here, due to the possibility of insurance and shipping complications until the outlook is more clarified. Factory auto sales for January were 30% under those for December.

Sugar: The market to-day was active, but prices were easier on the lower London market and on substantial liquidation of March position.

Dow Jones Averages Feb. 7 Close
30 Industrials 121.39 125.52
20 Rails 27.10 27.00
20 Utilities 18.50 18.00
40 Bonds 89.02 90.24
11 Commodity Index 52.05 53.49

CONSIDERING THE VAN ZEELAND REPORT

London, Feb. 8. The Prime Minister stated in the House of Commons that M. Van Zeeland's report was now under careful examination by the departments interested.—British Wireless.



How do we help a child?

Here we quote, from our constitution, one of our aims and objects:

"To take such steps by personal, written or printed statement, public meetings, or otherwise as may be deemed expedient for the purpose of educating the public generally in the interests of the welfare of the young."

Hence this column.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

C. 1938 R. NOTICE.

Pursuant to Section 125 of the Buildings Ordinance No. 18 of 1933. Notice is hereby given that the road known as Tai Wan Road is closed temporarily to all traffic between a point near the south west corner of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 93 and a point midway along the western boundary of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 100.

R. M. HENDERSON,
Director of Public Works,
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 9th February, 1938.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

The demonstration Gas-proof and Splinter-proof Room in the Medical Officer's House, old Government Civil Hospital will be open to inspection by the public between 5.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. daily from to-day until Friday, 11th February, 1938, inclusive.

Representatives of the Royal Engineers will be in attendance.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1938, to Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1938.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would do well to act at once with the Society.

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. Room 308, Bank of East Asia Building, Hongkong, or the Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor, the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wan Chai; or the Inspector, 12, Siu Yeung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GIVING HELP TO CHINA

To The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph,

Sir—I shall be glad if you will be kind enough to publish the following lines:

As far as I can see, very few of my fellow-countrymen in this colony show any interest in giving aid to the invaded Chinese who are fighting against Japanese barbarism, Fascism and Imperialism, which are becoming a menace to the civilisation of the world.

Our people at home are, by far, more energetic than we, as far as deadly-silent and cold towards aids to China! It is high time for us to do something, otherwise we will be suffered too if China is conquered.

I have started to buy the Chinese Liberty Bonds—30 dollars worth out of my 200 dollars salary. And I am going to buy them until the undeclared war is over.

I will kowtow to those of my countrymen who will do as I have done. If we cut down our drinks we can play our part with ease. At the same time the part we play will encourage the rich Chinese in this Colony to give more.

A PRO-CHINESE BRITON.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

The market was fairly active, with prices in some instances showing an appreciable advance closing steady with an upward tendency. The turnover generally was somewhat large, mainly in Provincials.

Manila continues to keep steady.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1.70 cum. div.

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LONDON AUDIENCE TOLD REPORTS EXAGGERATED

British Mediation In Far East Unlikely, Says Baron Tomii

London, Feb. 8. Official quarters in London are not inclined to attach importance to the rumours of British mediation in the Far East, which is regarded as unlikely.

"Can you justify the bombing of Shanghai and other towns?" was the question put to Baron Tomii, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy in London when he addressed the "1912 Club" in London to-day.

Baron Tomii replied that the bombing incidents in China were much exaggerated. Two hundred casualties in one town were magnified to 3,000. In 1923 Japan proposed to abolish air bombing, but the proposal was defeated, due to Britain and France. The Japanese army had sacrificed strategic advantages to save towns before bombing, of what would be their military objectives in those towns. The objectives had always been military points, and they had done their best to avoid bombing civilian populations.—Reuter.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong radio station.—Chitral, Empress of Japan, President McKinley, President Taft, Claus Pickmers, Yutshing, Minoo Maru, Fausang, Serooskerk, Teryukuni Maru, Silksworth.

NEWLY-WEDS TO COME TO COLONY

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Dorothy M. Connell, daughter of Mrs. M. J. Connell of Seattle and San Francisco, to Mr. John Francis McKernan, Jr., son of Mr. J. F. McKernan of New York City, which took place on December 1 in Cathedral Chapel, Santa Monica, California.

The bride, who is the daughter of the late founder of Connell Bros. Co., Ltd., was educated at Forest Ridge Convent and the University of Washington. The groom was educated at St. John's Preparatory School, Fordham College and New York University. The couple are touring the United States, and after a visit to Japan will make their home in Hongkong where Mr. McKernan will be manager of the General Mills Company.

1,400 FOREIGNERS IN THREE YANGTSE CITIES

Hankow, Feb. 9. A careful and conservative estimate from authoritative sources shows that between 1,300 and 1,400 foreign residents are now in the Wuhan cities of Hankow, Hanyang, and Wuchang. The figures are exclusive of the personnel of foreign gunboats in port.—Reuter.

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Pan-American Line's
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Bigger and faster Clippers for trans-Pacific routes will probably be used within the next year or so, according to Mr. E. O. McDonnell, member of the Executive Committee of Pan-American Airways, who arrived here on the Hawaiian Clipper yesterday afternoon.

Mr. McDonnell said that a fleet of six Boeing flying boats' was at present under construction in Seattle and that the first would be ready for test flights by the end of March. Some of these ships will be placed on the trans-Pacific service while others will be assigned to the trans-Atlantic run. They are capable of carrying 40 passengers on long hops and have a day-time accommodation for 72 persons.

Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Carl Beal, of Los Angeles, are going to Indo-China on a big game hunt and will leave for Haiphong by the steamer Canton to-morrow.

GETS-IT

7-10-38

CONDOLENCES FROM KING AND QUEEN

London, Feb. 8. The King and Queen have sent a message of condolence to Princess Nicholas and members of her family following—the death of Prince Nicholas, father of Princess Marina, now Duchess of Kent.—British Wires.



THE REASON IS ANCHOR



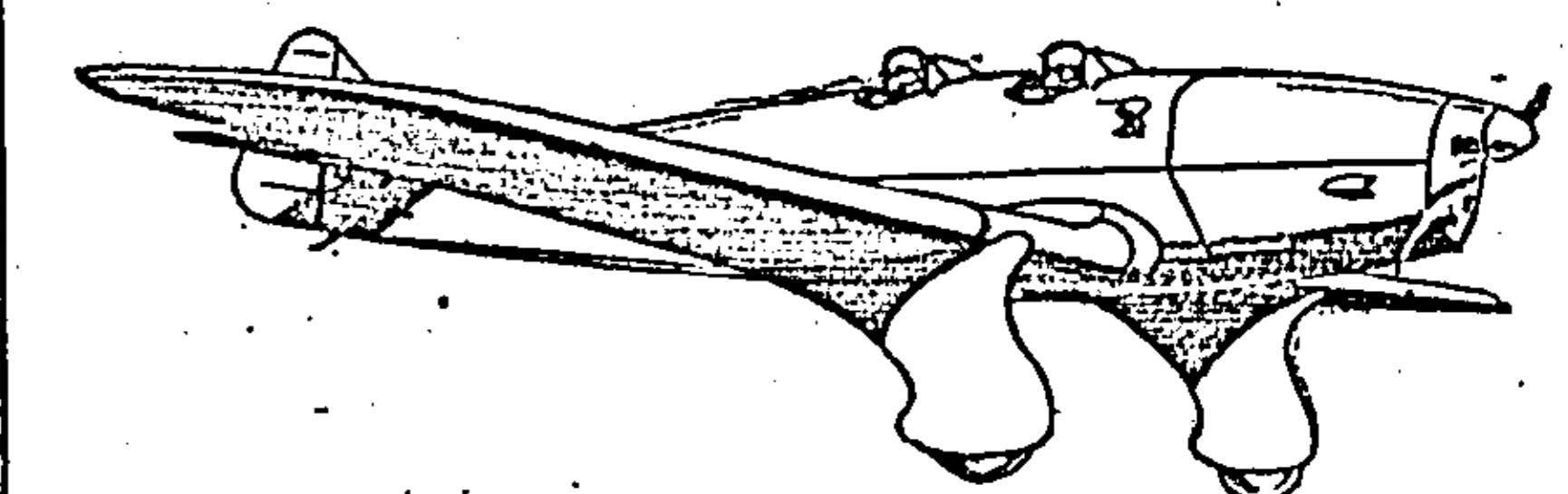
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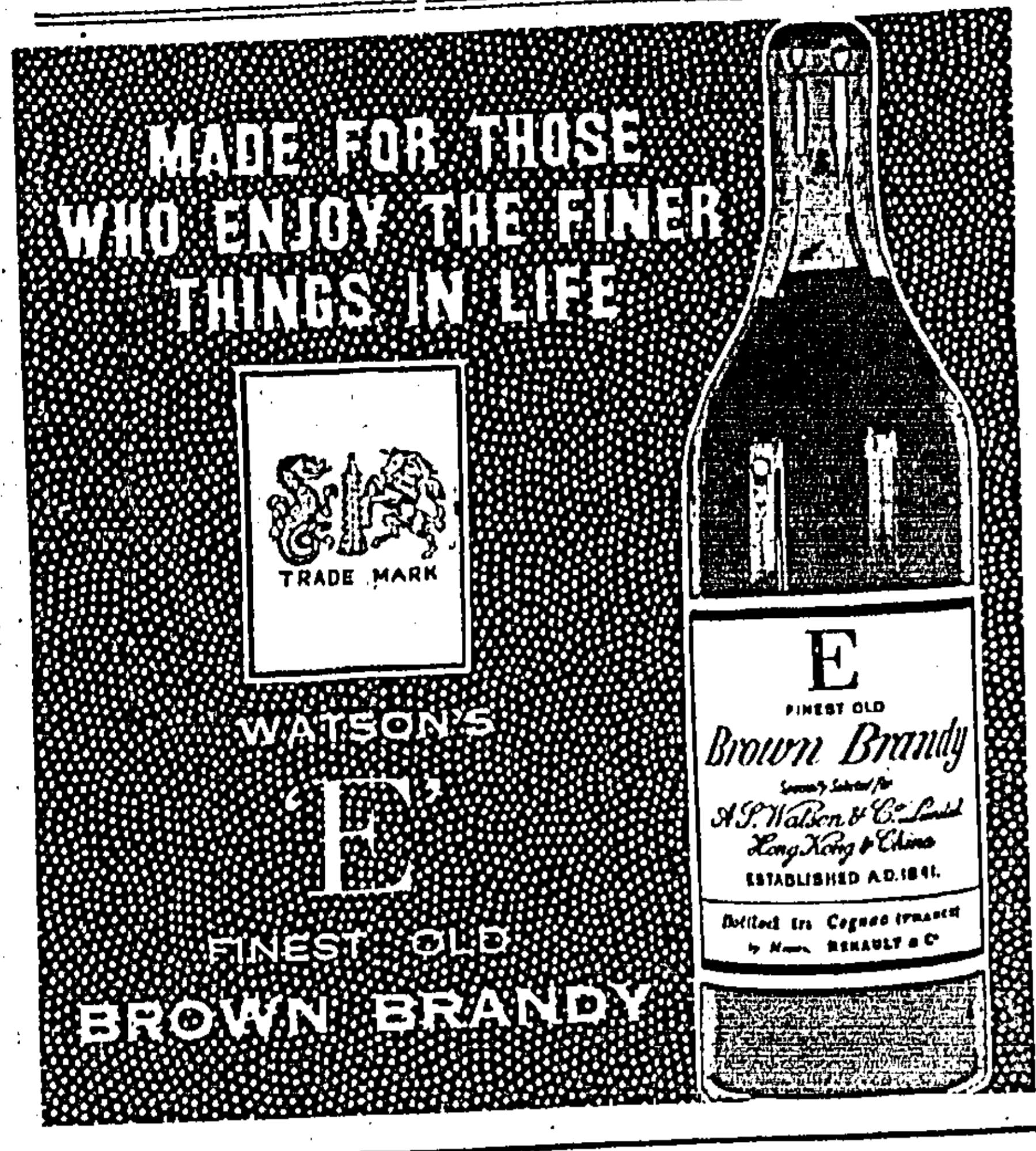
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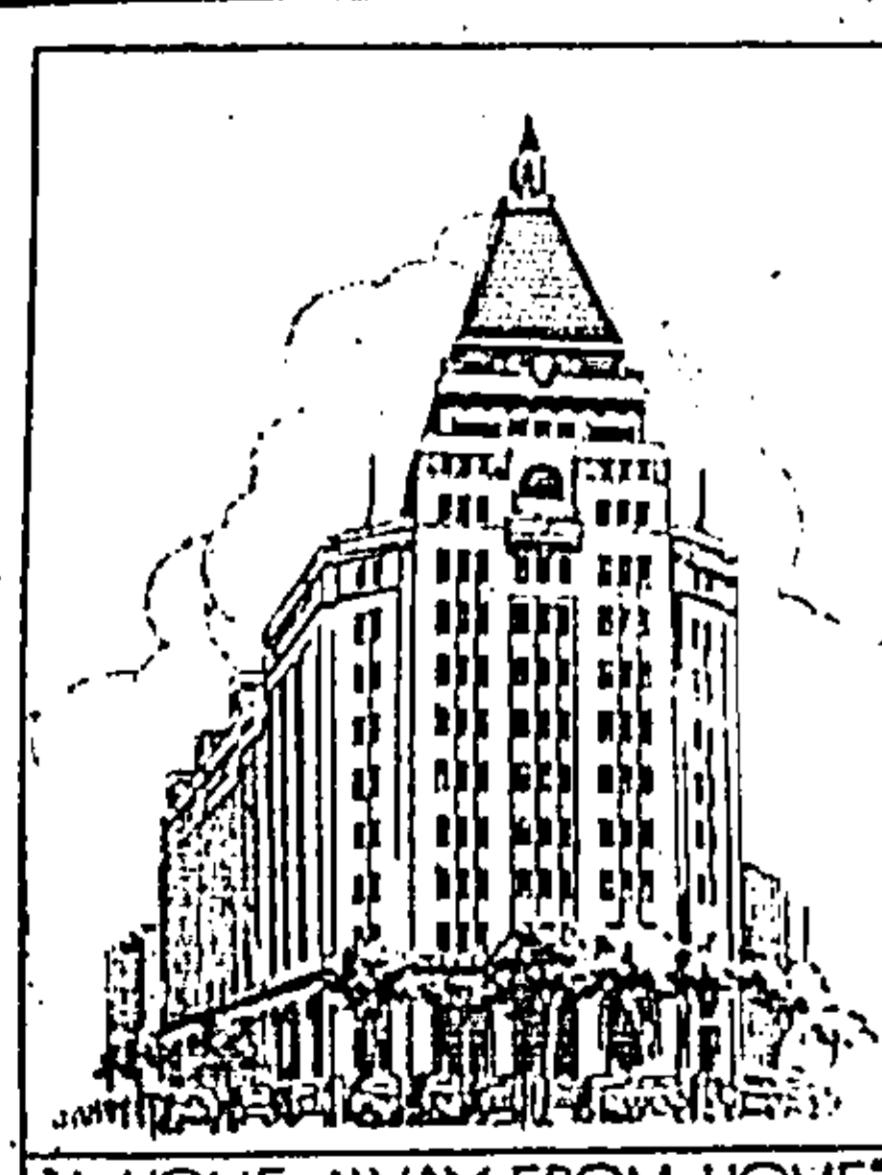


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BIRTH

DIVETT.—At the Kowloon Hospital, on February 9, 1938, to Eileen (Nee Adair), wife of G. E. Divett, a son. (Shanghai and Tientsin papers please copy.)

DEATH

LOWSON.—At Forfar, on the 3rd. February, 1938, Isabel Lowson, widow of the late Dr. J. A. Lowson and younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Lammett, aged 82 years.

The **Hongkong Telegraph.**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1938.

AVOIDING SUSPICION

It must be apparent to any observer that United States is doing its utmost, officially and unofficially, to prevent the rivalry of the world's naval powers from carrying them into an armament race. On top of the spirited denials of high naval officers—at Washington that America has any secret naval alliance or is in any way committed to help with any other nation's war, whether defensive or not, the best-informed newspapers of the day are addressing Japan in placatory terms. Editorial they urge that Tokyo listen to the request of Britain, France and the United States for information regarding the Japanese battleship programme. They stress the point that the question is fair; and so it is. When a nation commences building ships and guns in secret she is bound to arouse suspicion. There must be some motive, her neighbours argue; and set themselves to meet any possible emergency. Of course, it has not yet been proved that Japan is contemplating battleships of a tonnage greater than the present London Treaty allows, much less that she has them actually under construction, as some quarters suggest. If it is impossible for her to say she does not intend to build such craft, she might at least indicate whether or not they are on the stocks. A negative answer to the powers' notes in this connection would clear the air.

Nor would Italian naval strength permit him to supply, reinforce and succour his forces over such a wide-flung area. The Italians have four capital ships (with two more building) against the French seven (with two building). The British have fifteen capital ships (with five building). The Italian have seven heavy cruisers, the French seven, the British have fifteen.

The Italian have ten light cruisers, the French have thirty-seven, the British have forty (with sixteen building). In de-

fended bases against which they are a potential threat.

It seems a far-fetched suggestion that Japan may be building ships with any idea of ultimately engaging Britain or America in a struggle for naval supremacy in the Pacific. It is the natural conclusion, then, that Tokyo's fears, if any, are of a Russian menace. Bearing in mind the fact that it takes perhaps two years to commission a capital ship for active service, it may be that the possible building of super-battleships is undertaken with a view to forestalling a Soviet challenge in this category. On the other hand no peace-loving nation among the democracies can be quite at ease while all the signatories of the anti-Comintern Pact are rushing armaments on land and sea. World conditions simply do not allow it. The appeal of Britain, France and United States for reassurance should be understood in this light in Tokyo. It would be too bad if their request for information was interpreted as being in the minds of peoples owning powerful fleets and strongly

The French have superiority in submarines of something like 100 to 70. The British submarine strength is below that of the Italians.

Should Italy and any ally of hers go to war with Britain and her ally—and this ally in present condition must almost certainly be the French—then the harbours and foreshores of that country would be opened up for the use of the British Navy.

Marselles and Toulon, in France, Tunis, Bizerte and Algiers, on the African littoral, would be the links in a chain of harbour-fortresses that included Gibraltar, Malta, Suez, and Cyprus.

Against this overwhelming strength of hostile sea bases, the more posts that Mussolini added to his own command, such as Majorca on Spanish Majorca and Melilla, the more hostages he would give to his enemy, for he would have more points to defend with his slender resources.

And very slender are Mussolini's resources. Italy is a poor country, and all the genuine creative effort which the Fascist regime has called forth has not overcome her poverty.

The soil of this beautiful land, except in the north is miserly in crop yield and mineral wealth. Italy imports 80 per cent. of her cotton, copper and oil, 95 per cent. of her coal, 80 per cent. of her wool.

Her colonies, Libya, Eritrea, Somaliland (total population 2,300,000) bring her little profit.

Theys bulk large on the map. But as Mussolini himself said bitterly on the eve of his Abyssinian conquest, they are mostly scrub and desert.

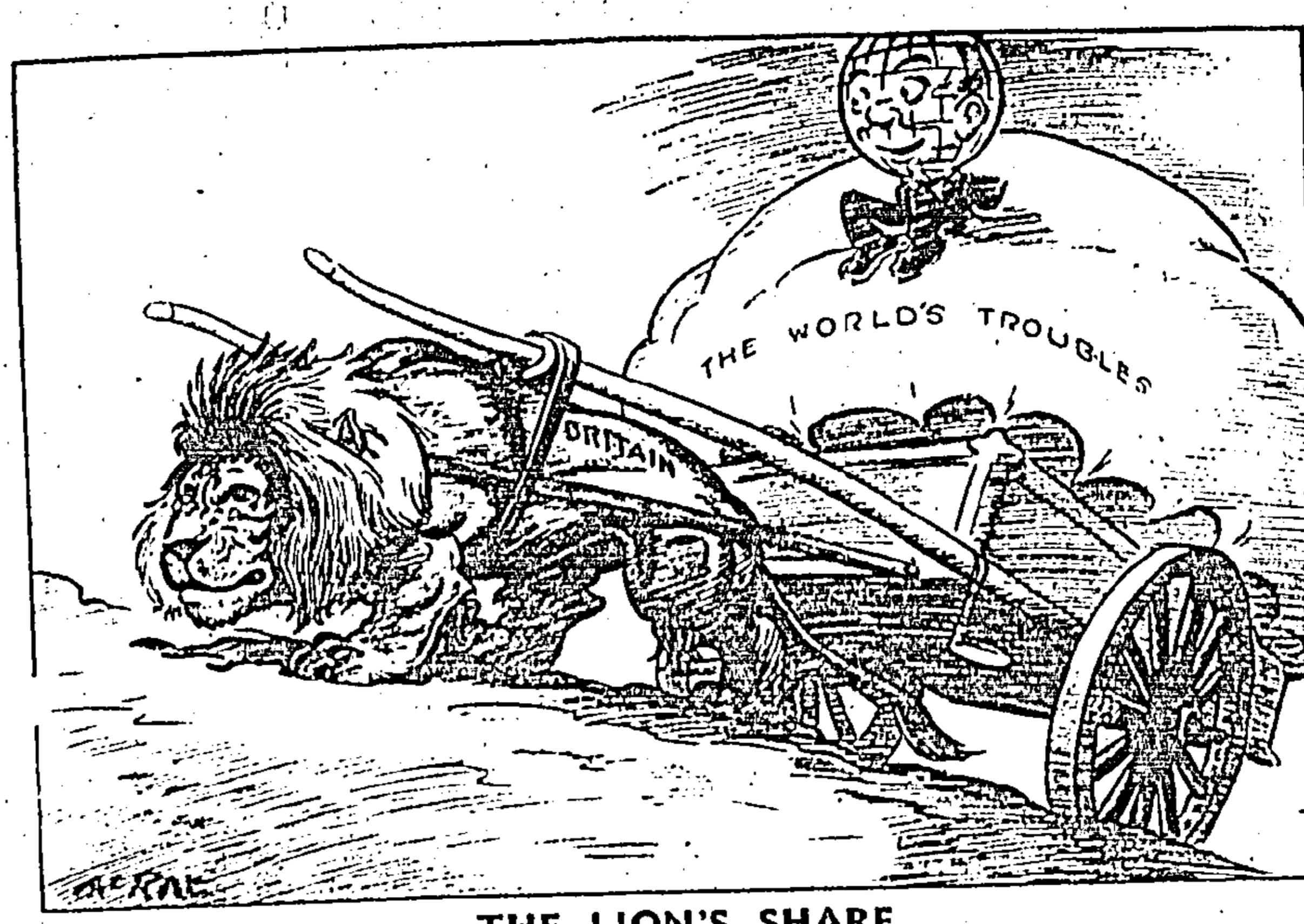
The Italian standard of life is already the lowest in Europe. It is lower than that of Poland or even of Spain. The Italian workers' general wage rate is to-day 10 per cent. less than before the March on Rome.

It was on June 22, 1929, that Mussolini himself said in the Italian Senate, "There are places in Sardinia and South Italy where for months the inhabitants have had to live on wild plants." That was before the world slump, which hit Italy as heavily as any other country.

In 1933 the official Fascist figures set Italian unemployment at 1,000,000. The Fascist Party Relief, however, claimed to be giving day.

The truth is that the Berlin Axis is already badly cracking. It did not support the pressure of the Franco-British naval pact to sweep the Mediterranean clear of pirates. The reality of European politics is that Hitler will not go to war to make a Roman hollow.

The Germans have neither military nor naval strength in the Medi-



THE "VERY IDEA"

THE WAR AS SHE IS WROTE

DISTINGUISHED WAR CORRESPONDENT AT THE BOTTLE LINE

By Edward "Scoop" Kelly

WE are now at the South China front, surrounded by Japanese who are in the throes of an invasion. No one knows how far they will throw it.

Major Domei and Admiral Nichi Nichi are leading the landing parties. They are opposed by General Wah Kiu Yat-po and General Sen Trahan.

Rioters have broken out in the defending ranks and several Reuters have been killed.

There was heavy firing at Ping Pong this morning, and a boom has been placed across the Sen Sen. The boom is quite audible in Mah Jongg.

Reports that Kwangtung has been invaded are denied. Three beautiful young Chinese girls named Yu Hag, Ants Pants, and Cow Face are leading a band of amazon guerrillas. The guerrilla, it will be recalled, is the ancestor of man.

B. SHARP ENCOUNTER

A Japanese landing party hastily evacuated Kwangtung when a Chinese band approached from the east. Anyone who has heard a Chinese band will realize the significance of this retreat.

Bombs were dropped on a party of journalists travelling from Sum Bull to Wat Muk. The bombs were severely injured.

The Chinese front at Tum Hee has a distinct bulge. General Kaw Blime will be shot for deserting his Corps. A court martial found him rotten to the core.

General Mainichi is confident that an invasion of Kwangtung has taken place.

A large force of Japanese troops are stationed at Fermezene, awaiting a favourable moment to launch the Kwangtung invasion.

OVER THE FENCE

A report from Gin Sling states that two tom-cats were killed during a noisy battle.

An invasion of Kwangtung commenced this morning.

Air raid sirens are shrieking at Sam Pan. The sirens, who are believed to be beautiful spies in Japanese pay, are presumably shrieking for their first month's salary.

The Japanese who landed in Kwangtung at 6 a.m. withdrew at 7.30 after a four-hour battle.

A Chinese cruiser has been locked up at Shan Lee. She was condemned of cruising along the Na Tham roadway.

London newspapers are publishing stories of outrages on junks. They are also publishing a lot of junk on outrages.

There is no possibility of Kwangtung being invaded until 6.45 p.m. on Friday.

Some uneasiness is being felt at Gum Bell regarding reports of a Kwangtung invasion.

STOE PRESS.—A major offensive was well under way last night. Both sides are at grips.

FLASH.—Previous message should read: "An offensive major was well under way at the Grips last night."

LATE NEWS.—An invasion of Kwangtung is imminent.

B.I.C.K.

European, even if they wished to make trouble.

True they might make a diversion in Northern Europe, but the probabilities are that the Italians would be crushed in the south long before the German attack engaged the complete attention of the countries concerned.

Remember this, too. A broken Italy would leave a vacuum in the Mediterranean.

Indeed, it is only the simple, sober habits of the Italian people themselves which keep the country going. Their devotion to the family life, their kindly help of friends and neighbours in distress, their gay bravery in a life of hardship, their honest determination to repay debt, these are the great moral factors that sustain Mussolini's Italy.

This is not the picture of a country at present worth £2,000,000 per annum. The Due is raising by capital levy of 10 per cent. about £70,000,000 to pay for this.

The wealth per head of the Italian people is just one third of that of Great Britain. Yet the adverse trade balance of this hard-working but still impoverished country is over £50,000,000.

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This is not the picture of a country with any hope of victory. Mussolini desires peace because he desperately requires peace.

But though he does not want war, Mussolini is ready to play to the limit the game of threatening it. He constantly brings forward the bogey of the Rome-Berlin Axis.

He presents to the world the terrifying aspect of an Indo-German combination, emphasising his solidarity with Hitler, even by making demands for colonies on Hitler's behalf.

The truth is that the Rome-Berlin Axis is already badly cracking. It did not support the pressure of the Franco-British naval pact to sweep the Mediterranean clear of pirates. The reality of European politics is that Hitler will not go to war to make a Roman hollow.

Mussolini does not propose to figure as the principal in a tragedy. He is a Man of Peace because he dare not be a Man of War.

Personalities of Old Hongkong

CHIEF JUSTICE WHO FOUGHT THE
"THREE EVILS" OF OLD HONGKONG15 YEARS ON BENCH
MADE HIM
IRASCIBLE OLD MAN

By T. Paul Gregory

AN INTERESTING PERSONALITY WHO MADE OUR COLONY HIS HOME FROM THE SIXTIES TO THE EARLY EIGHTIES OF LAST CENTURY WAS SIR JOHN JACKSON SMALE, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

JUDGE SMALE WAS A MAN WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAW AND ORDER WERE UNDENIABLY GREAT, BUT ONE, TOO, WHO IS BETTER KNOWN TO POSTERITY ON ACCOUNT OF HIS ECCENTRICITIES.

HE WAS WHAT OUR GENERATION WOULD CALL A "CARD" AND HAD MACAULAY BEEN A RESIDENT OF HONGKONG FIFTY YEARS AGO, HE CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE DONE FOR JUDGE SMALE WHAT HE DID FOR DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON WHOSE IDIOSYNCRASIES WERE RECORDED IN A MANNER THAT WOULD HAVE DELIGHTED READERS OF OUR BLASE AND THRILL-SEEKING ERA.

Sir John Jackson Smale was born in England in the year 1805, and died at his residence in Sussex-place, Regent's Park, August 13, 1881. He was educated at Manchester College, York and, in 1828, entered as a student of the Inner Temple.

His legal studies procured for him the privilege of acting as a solicitor and he was admitted as a draughtsman below the Bar until the Easter term in 1842, when he was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, and commenced to practice in the Court of Chancery.

From 1846 to 1847 he was a reporter in the Courts of the Vice-Chancellors Knights-Bruce, Parker and Stuart—a trio of eminent English jurists of the early Victorian period.

In 1860, Judge Smale was appointed Attorney-General for Hongkong and in 1866 he was raised to the dignity of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court upon the decease of his predecessor, Judge Adams. In 1874, he received the honour of Knighthood by patent from Queen Victoria.

Sir John J. Smale arrived in Hongkong on Monday, April 22, 1861, by the P. and O. steamer Columbian. He was accompanied by his clerk, Mr. George Proctor, and was stated to take the place of Mr. Adams. The retiring Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, until that worthy departed for home, Sir John served as Attorney-General.

On June 14, he was further appointed a member of the Legislative Council, his appointment being confirmed by notification on January 10 of the following year.

STICKLER FOR FORM

On Sir John's first appearance as Attorney-General he proved that he was going to be a stickler for the forms and customs observed in the Courts at home, which, if we are to believe contemporary accounts, were not as yet established here. He created a stir from the very first; for he appeared in Court arrayed in the customary horse-hair wig of an English jurist. "Wigs were now mentioned in the records for the first time," says a contemporary account, and even the Chief Justice (Judge Adams) was "in favour of their being worn and the Court being held with the ceremony and solemnity attendant upon an English tribunal."

During his long sojourn of over twenty-two years in the Colony—fifteen of which were spent on the Bench—Sir John Smale delivered decisions on thousands of cases, and was especially concerned with what he termed the "three evils" of Hongkong—opium, brothels, and slavery. Upon the first, it must be said that he did little except venting openly his indignation at the system then in vogue of permitting the drug to be imported and dealt in by private firms.

Upon the latter two, however, he did much real service, and his fulminations from the Bench did much to curb the flagrant evil of supplying the brothels of the Colony with unwilling victims recruited by every means of subtle artifice from the hinterland of China.

GENESIS OF PO LEUNG KUK
His concern for these "sisters and daughters of men" was genuine and through his recommendations a number of the public-minded citizens of the Colony got together and established that institution intended for the work of rescue and re-habilita-



SIR JOHN SMALE

tion of these unfortunate victims—the Po Leung Kuk.

It is also to Judge Smale that we owe the genesis of the mutual legislation intended to ameliorate the lot of the p'el-mui, or so-called "slave girls" in our Colony. The Judge was firmly opposed to slavery in any form, and the world may well render its gratitude to him for his ceaseless efforts in suppressing the infamous coolie trade which is such an unfortunate interlude in the relationship of the so-called "Christian" nations of the West with those in transit to the American continent.

Lest readers do not comprehend what I mean, let me hasten to explain that from the fifties to the early seventies of the last century, great fortunes were made by unscrupulous individuals in the supplying of Chinese labour for the guano pits of Peru, and the sugar plantations of Cuba.

This trade was carried on at Macao and, to a certain extent, here in Hongkong. Heartless crimping was sent into the Chinese villages of Kwangtung to inveigle the simple country-folk into the idea of going abroad with the specious lure that vast fortunes could be wrested from labour there within an incredibly short time.

With such bait thousands were lured to Macao and induced to sell themselves into servitude for varying periods in order to pay for their passage. The conditions of recruiting and the barbarous treatment and nameless indignities which these poor devils endured became notorious.

The newspapers of this period were filled with lurid accounts of the kidnappings, seductions and wholesale massacres of disaffected

coolies who realised too late how they had been tricked by these fiends who profited from the sale of human flesh. At length, in 1874, the Western Powers finally moved to outlaw this shameful traffic. Great credit for its final abolition was due to the efforts of Sir John Smale, who, single-handed, had been fighting the invidious trade from the Bench for years—freeing any kidnapped coolies who had managed to escape from the ships in transit to the American continent.

His judgments on this subject were as momentous locally as that of the famous "Dred Scott" decision in the United States during the fifties, and resulted in the emancipation from bondage of scores of unwilling victims.

Judge Smale was always very highly regarded by the non-European community and on April, 1866, when he went home on twelve months' leave the Parsee community got up an address and testimonial to be sent to him, and, as a further expression of their regard, joined with the Moslem merchants in subscribing the sum of \$1,500 to be expended on a magnificient service of silver plate and a set of Canton chinaware.

Sir John was delighted at the splendid presents (the duty on which alone amounted to £70.) and he replied in an effusive letter of thanks. Those who may wonder at the reason for such lavish gifts, may be reminded that, at that time, Court officials in the Colony were quite ethically permitted to carry on a private practice of law in addition to their official duties. Quite often the income from such extra-official

activities was greater than the stipend attached to the governmental post.

In Sir John Smale's case it must have been handsomely remunerative; for he was the legal adviser of the entire Parsee community, and we can glean an inkling of how highly he was regarded from the presentation of a costly service of plate which we have referred to above.

SENILITY SETS IN

During the last year of Sir John's stay in the Colony he became somewhat irascible and petulant. His eccentric conduct was not confined to his home life, but was openly manifested in Court and soon attained the name of ludicrousness. The Supreme Court became crowded with spectators not interested of course in the trials of the day but in the actions of the Chief Justice.

Sir John became the butt of the moment and his sessions were filled with those who wanted to witness the spectacle of a Chief Justice "hauling some of his subordinates over the coals".

The local Press of that day seized upon the occasions with grateful alacrity and we have many accounts of Sir John's unreasonable outbursts of spleenful censure upon those who displeased him. One of the most disgusting of these scenes was when the petulant old man apparently took a sudden dislike to the Registrar, Mr. Henry Frederik Gibbons, a young man who had just come out of England. Sir John went out of his way to openly humiliate this official in open Court, and Gibbons, being apparently a man of spirit, naturally resented being taken to task and "sussed back".

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Fox-Trot—Silver Moon; Golden Sands; Quick-Step—You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming... Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra; Tangos—So Lo Llevaron; La Punalada,...Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro; Fox-Trot—Manhattan Holdiny... Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

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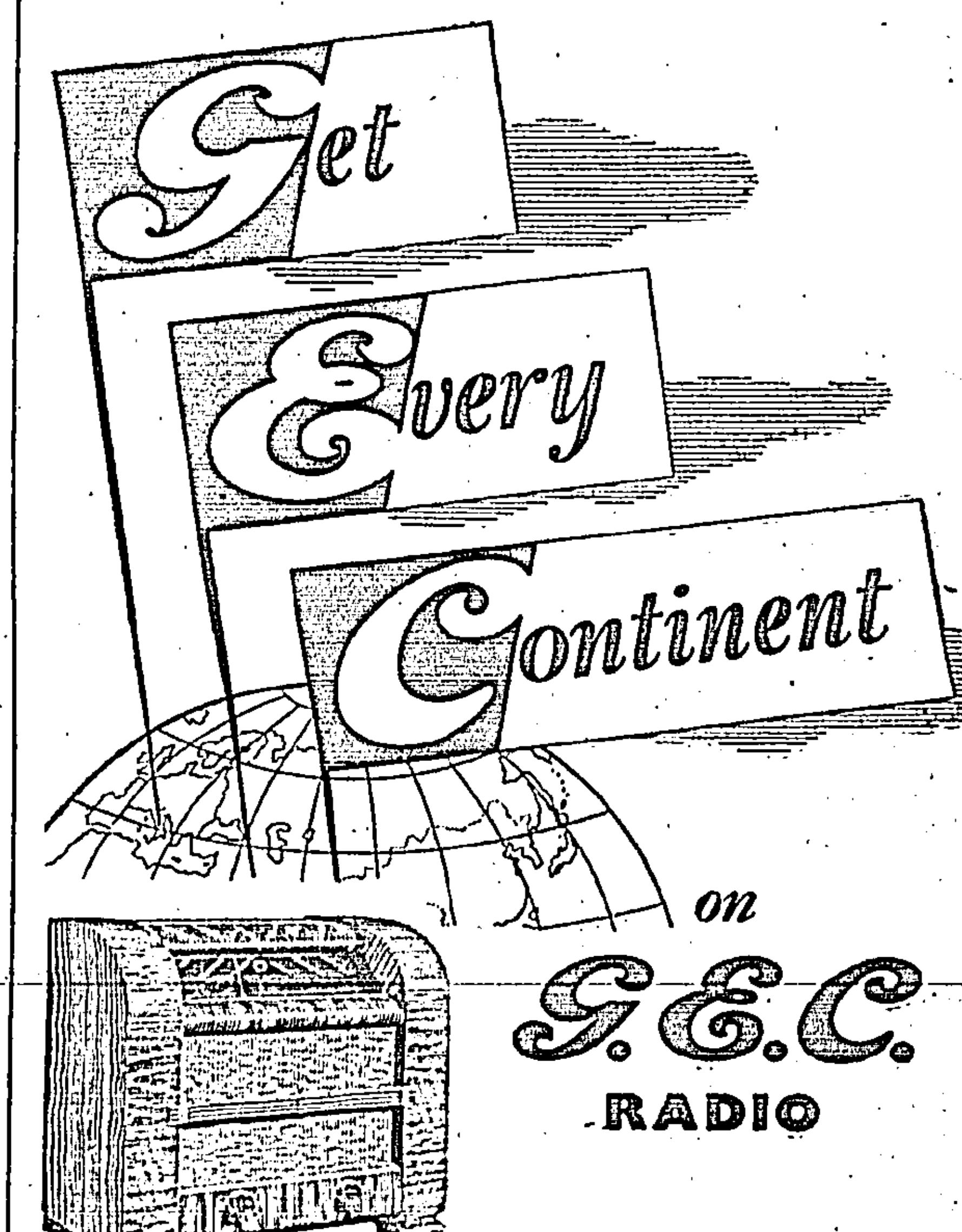
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"SEEDED" PLAYER MAY NOT ENTER SEMI-FINALS

T. F. YONG HAS A HARD TASK AHEAD OF HIM DRAW OF BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

(By "Abo")

Judging by the draw, made yesterday evening, of the local Badminton Championships, M. A. Oliveira, P. H. Wong (holder), P. K. Hui and T. F. Yong have obviously been "seeded" in the Singles, but all four cannot be regarded as certain of reaching the semi-finals.

In the top half, Oliveira and Wong have no opposition at all, and it seems certain that they will clash in the penultimate round. But in the bottom half are several good men who may prove one or two surprises. Hui is fortunate in that he has only to beat either F. Tsang or J. A. Chen to get into the semi-final, and that he will do so is a foregone conclusion. I am not so sure of T. F. Yong, however. If Au beats J. L. Anderson—and this match appears to be the best of the first-round ties—he should give a very good account of himself, and it would not surprise me in the least to see him overcome the University stalwart.

Personally I think that the semi-finalists will be M. A. Oliveira v. P. H. Wong, and P. K. Hui v. C. Au.

In the Doubles, the four pairs which have been "seeded" appear to be P. H. Wong and C. Au, L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva, P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong, and M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios.

Here again, I am not sure that these four combinations will enter the semi-finals. P. H. Wong and C. Au, P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong, and M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios are almost certain of doing so, the only doubtful pair being L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva. The reason why I doubt the claims of Carvalho and Silva is that in their second round match they will probably have to meet C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee of the University, who are the best pair in the first round. Carvalho and Silva, however, are regarded in some quarters as the best doubles combination at the Club de Recreio, M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios notwithstanding.

LIKELY FINALISTS

The semi-finalists will very likely be Wong and Au v. Lee and Lee, or, Carvalho and Silva; Hui and Yong v. Oliveira and Remedios.

Unless I am very much mistaken, nothing short of a miracle will prevent Wong and Au from meeting Hui and Yong in the final.

The most open event is the Mixed Doubles, in which several good pairs are participating. P. H. Wong is making his first attempt here and will be partnered by Miss M. Cheung, who turned out for the C.R.C. before. As holders, P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoi will be established as favourites, but in J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro, M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, Wong and Miss Cheung, and J. L. Anderson and Miss Griffiths, the champions will find serious opposition.

R.W.V. Robins And Middlesex

"I am not yet in a position to say whether it is possible for me to carry on for another full season. It goes without saying that I would very much like to."

This was the reply made by R. W. V. Robins to a statement made recently that "his captaincy of Middlesex next season can be taken for granted."

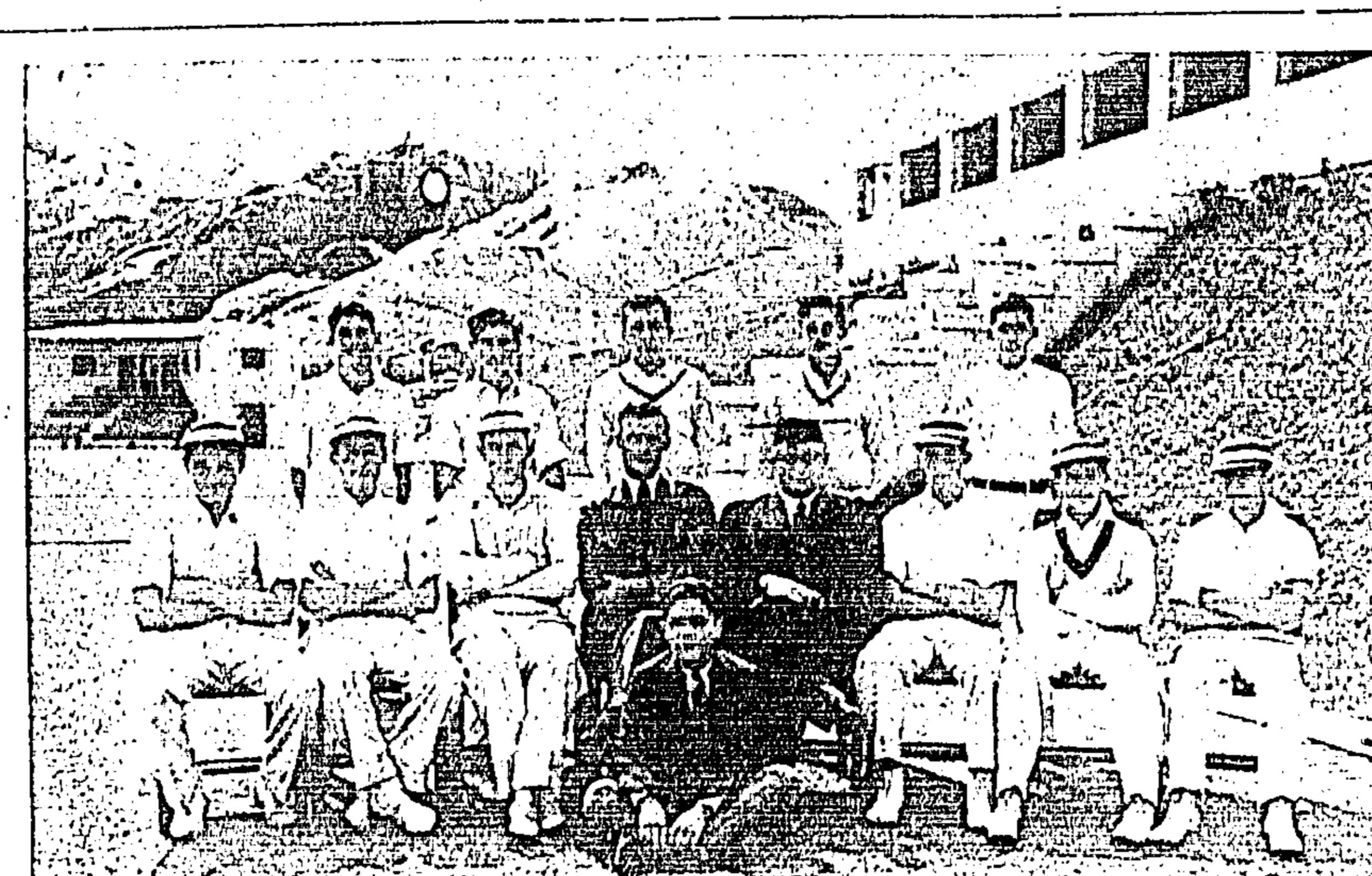


Photo taken recently of the Central British School cricket team. Seated in the centre are the Rev. G. E. S. Updell (Headmaster) and Mr. W. Mulcahy. (Photo: King's Studio).

THIS CUP FOOTBALL IS A GRIM BUSINESS

Failure Will Cost Arsenal £10,000

By Arbiter (Frank M. Carruthers)

London, Jan. 5.
To every Cup-tie hangs a story of hope and tribulation. The winning players feel their feet on the road leading to Wembley, while for the club victory means at least another rate and possibly great prosperity.

Pity the beaten team. Their hopes have been rudely shattered and they have the dejection of failure.

7.00 N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chen v. C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee (Doubles); 7.30 J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths v. A. Keown and Miss I. Cunningham; H. A. Alves and Mrs. Castro v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva; P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoi; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clark (byes); L. A. Carvalho and Miss A. C. Remedios (byes) v. J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro (byes).

OPENING PROGRAMME

The opening programme will be played on Wednesday, February 16 when the following matches will be played at the Club de Recreio: 6.30 F. Tsang v. J. A. Chen (Singles).

7.00 N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chen v. C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee (Doubles); 7.30 J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths v. A. Keown and Miss I. Cunningham (Mixed Doubles).

8.00 S. Y. Hon. v. A. L. Fisher (Singles).

For the club defeat probably means pinching and scraping to balance the budget or to keep the bank overdraft down to the minimum.

League gates are likely to slump immediately—unless—a bid—can be made for the championship. Only winning teams attract the crowds, and to go out of the Cup, competition means to go out of favour.

THE WORST FEATURE

This is the worst feature of all. Clubs compete knowing that they are entering on a huge gamble, and so serious is the loss of prestige when they are knocked out that they are often left to reflect that they would have been better off if they had not taken part in the event.

It is inevitable too that the troubles of the clubs become the misfortunes of the players. In order that money may be raised, some of them probably have to be transferred. Or they may have to submit to a reduction of their wages during the summer, or their suspension.

I recall a club chairman addressing the men to this effect on the eve of a cup-tie: "I am sorry to tell you that we are hard up, and if you want to be signed on again in May you must earn the money to pay your wages. Your only chance is to get it through the Cup, and in your interests as well as ours I hope you will take it."

HIGHLY DANGEROUS

It was a highly dangerous warning, because many matches have

A New Swimming Record

Copenhagen, Feb. 8.

The Danish ladies' swimming team, including Ragnhild Hverger, holder of six world's records, established a new world figure of 4 mins. 29.7 seconds for the four-times-100-metres-free style relay-to-day, beating by 3.1 seconds the previous record by the Dutch national team.—*Reuter*.

been lost through men trying too hard to win. In this case the players made a magnificent response, and by the success they achieved opened up a new era for the club.

These conditions obtain in every tie to be played on Saturday, even to the clubs of the First Division.

If the Arsenal are knocked out by Bolton Wanderers it may be equivalent to a penalty of £10,000, and even more unless they remain in the running for the League championship.

The development of the competition until it now regularly produces about £225,000 has created these huge financial responsibilities, and they are unavoidable.

To the public whose interest is only in the play and the progress of the clubs they are of little concern, but they may have a far-reaching influence and perhaps contribute to the many surprises which Cup football creates.

London, Jan. 7.
Arsenal, for seasons regarded as the team of all the talents, last night threw a bombshell into the Soccer world by the announcement that Joe Hulme, their international outside-right, had been transferred to Huddersfield.

He is the fifth player to leave Arsenal for other clubs during the past few weeks.

The others are:

Bowden to Newcastle, Davidson to Coventry, Briggs to Heart of Midlothian, Milne to Middlesbrough.

Hulme also shines at golf, for which he has a handicap of six, and can readily run up a break of over 100 at billiards.

But at present, nothing is definite.

ONE MORE RECORD

BRADMAN GOES ON AND ON

When he was dismissed for 54 in the Sheffield Shield match against Victoria recently Bradman had scored 6,280 runs in Sheffield Shield cricket. This is 6 runs better than the previous record, which was established by Clem Hill.

It was made in about half the time, however, and it seems likely that the figures that will be established by Bradman before he retires will assume gigantic proportions.

He needs only about 30 runs to establish new figures in first-class cricket. Hill now holds that record with 17,221 runs.

There are few records now remaining for Bradman to better, but there is one that Bradman will not establish for some time. That is the greatest age of a player in first-class cricket. Dr. W. G. Grace played his last first-class game when he was aged 59 years. Bradman is now aged 29 years, so he has to wait 30 years to break that record!

The feature of the match was the bowling of Fleetwood-Smith, who took eight of the nine wickets that fell.

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Petersen Will Fight Again

"IF I GET REASONABLE OFFER"

London, Jun. 9.

JACK PETERSEN IS COMING BACK TO THE RING. He made this clear to the Sunday Chronicle last night while all the boxing world was discussing his refusal to accept a £220,000 contract offered by his father on behalf of a syndicate.

Jack Petersen, former heavyweight champion of Great Britain, has been on the retired list since last April, when a London eye specialist advised him to give up fighting because of the danger to his sight.

"I will certainly return to the boxing game," said Jack, "If and when I get a reasonable offer."

"I would be a fool to turn down an attractive proposition."

"An offer of £2,000 for a single contest, which it was reported was made to me the other day, is the type of offer I should consider."

"A return to the ring might harm my eyes, but I should have to take the risk."

"Since my retirement I have been keeping fit, and it would take me about two months to get back into boxing trim."

PHENOMENAL RISE OF TABLE TENNIS OVER 70,000 PLAYERS IN BRITAIN ALONE

London, January 16.

ADD together a fourpenny celluloid ball, a 3s. 6d. wooden bat, and a large table, and a strip of green netting about 6in. high, and the result is a game that:

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Draws 90,000 spectators, who pay £5,000 to watch one week's play.

Such is the rise in popularity of a game played by children on a parlour table a score of years ago. It is no longer "ping-pong," but table tennis, one of the world's major sports.

The 4,000 clubs in the English Table Tennis Association each pay 3s. 6d. a year. And with a total revenue of £3,000 a central office in London is maintained, and a magazine published.

In 1926 the first international championship matches were held in London. Six nations competed. The "gate" money was £150. This year, from January 24 to 29, 16 nations are sending their teams to London. The Albert Hall and the Empire Pool at Wembley have been secured for the occasion.

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NO WORD FROM TILDEN

Local Officials Not Sure If He Is Coming

(By "Abo")

Since last September no word has been received from "Big Bill" Tilden as to whether he is bringing his troupe of tennis professionals to Hongkong for a series of exhibition matches.

Though it is known that he and three other pros, Henri Cochet, A. Burke and R. Ramillien, will appear in Manila in exhibitions on February 10, 12 and 13, Tilden has not informed the Hongkong L.T.A. when he is coming here, if at all.

When he wrote to the local L.T.A. asking whether it would be all right for him to bring a professional team to the Colony, Hongkong officials wrote back in the affirmative and promised him the necessary support.

Mr. C. J. Taechi, Hon. Secretary of the H.K.L.T.A., informed me yesterday that Tilden had not replied to his letter, and until a reply was received here, nothing could be done as regards arrangements.

According to the Malaya newspapers, Tilden and his troupe will be in Singapore at the end of the month, and it also appears that they will also play at Kuala Lumpur. It is almost certain, therefore, that even if Tilden does intend to bring his troupe to Hongkong, it will be sometime in March.

But at present, nothing is definite.

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Baseballers Want Higher Salaries

Lou Gehrig Now Holding Out

New York, Feb. 8. Lou Gehrig, the hard-hitting first-baseman of the New York Yankees, conferred with Col. Ruppert, owner of the baseball outfit, to-day, and refused an offer of \$30,000 for the 1938 season.

Col. Ruppert in turn refused Gehrig's request for \$41,000.

Following the interview, Col. Ruppert said, "There's a two-fun man right there for you to handle. I am through." He was referring to Gehrig's recent acting in western movies.—United Press.

Gehrig was once given a screen test for the role of "Tarzan" in the famous series.

Joe DiMaggio recently also had trouble with the Yankees regarding the terms of his contract. He was offered \$25,000, but he held out for \$30,000. He has not yet signed.

ICE HOCKEY LEAGUES

Boston And Toronto In The Lead

New York, Feb. 8. The following are the standings of teams in the Ice Hockey Leagues:

AMERICAN DIVISION

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Boston	20	9	4	44
Rangers	18	9	5	41
Chicago	9	17	5	25
Detroit	8	19	6	24

CANADIAN DIVISION

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Toronto	16	9	7	39
Canadiens	13	12	8	34
Americans	10	13	7	27
Morons	10	16	4	24

BRITAIN'S TOP 20 TENNIS STARS Many Young Players Coming On

By F. R. Barrow

London, Dec. 26. The last issue of *The Observer* for 1937 appears to be an suitable an occasion as any for taking a look at the performances of English players during the year and considering their relative position, based on those performances. I think it must be at least a dozen years since I first began to publish a Ranking List of my own in *The Observer*—some years, at any rate, before any official Ranking Lists were published by the L.T.A.

That I should have gone on doing, now that an official list is annually published, would seem superfluous; but I do not feel inclined to discontinue my custom, because I continue to receive so many inquiries as to when my ranking list will be published that it is evident that it is of interest to many players of the game.

PERSEVERE

I include twenty players in my list, as against the twelve of the L.T.A. I feel sure (because in the course of a season I hear a good deal to this effect) that ranking lists are a real incentive to improvement. Yet a player may improve a lot in the year's play and still fail to get into list of twelve. This may discourage him especially if he has beaten some of those who are included; but if he finds himself in my list it will show him that his improvement has been noticed by one who is in close touch with tournaments and tournament players, and encourage him to persevere. Inclusion in my list one year, I have noticed, has often led to inclusion in the L.T.A.'s list the following year.

With the necessary proviso that the list given below does, and can, indicate my personal opinions only, and that it does not carry any official sanction of any kind whatever, I submit it:—

1. H. W. Austin (2).
2. C. E. Hare (6).
3. C. R. D. Tuckey (10).
4. D. W. Butler (6).
5. H. F. David (—).
6. H. G. N. Lee (3).
7. R. A. Shayes (19).
8. F. H. D. Wilde (3).
9. C. M. Jones (10).
10. D. McPhail (—).
11. J. S. Olliff (10).
12. H. Billington (10).
13. E. C. Peters (6).
14. N. Sharpe (6).
15. M. D. Deloford (6).
16. E. J. David (—).
17. E. J. Fibby (—).
18. R. J. Ritchie (15).
19. G. R. B. Meredith (15).
20. P. V. V. Sherwood (10).

(N.B.—The figures in brackets show the places which the players named occupied in my list for 1936.)

Four players—F. J. Perry, G. P. Hughes, E. R. Avery, and J. L. Chamberlain—disappear from my last year's list. Perry having "gone over," and the other three having played too little competitive tennis to make it possible to estimate their present form. They are replaced by H. F. and E. J. David, E. J. Fibby, and the Scottish champion, D. McPhail. (R. K. Tindler would have found a place if business had not prevented him from playing more than a very little.)

Austin, naturally, stands alone as No. 1 in the list. It is a close thing between Hare and Tuckey for second place; Hare the more brilliant, Tuckey the more reliable. Still Hare, at his best, has proved himself able to beat players whom Tuckey might hardly be able to tackle and (again at his best) he would seem to deserve the higher place. This would undoubtedly be his if he could learn to keep his head at critical moments, and to time the conduct of his matches better.

A PUZZLE

Then comes a block of five whom I find it impossible to separate. Most of them have met each other more than once during the year, not always with the same result. Of the five, Shayes is certainly the most improved during the year; he is now so strong a player that, when he has learnt to concentrate more, he should be quite a possible candidate for Davis Cup play. Butler has also come on a good deal; Lee and David retain their old form remarkably well; and Wilde, when he chooses, can be very good indeed. Why singles should appear to bore him, unless under perfect conditions, is a puzzle. In the next block of three Jones has hardly fulfilled the promise of the early part of the year; he played himself stale and lost his form. McPhail has strengthened his game very much; he is close on the heels of those above him. And Olliff has played better, and less casually, than for some time past. Another block of three includes Billington, Peters, and Sharpe—a young and very painstaking and promising player, and two almost veterans, whom most young players may regard it as a great feather in their cap if they can defeat. Deloford, who comes next, has not had at all a good year; I had high hopes of him after his 1936 season, but he has done little to encourage them. Of the three bracketed sixteenth, Fibby had one glorious week when he beat in succession two strong American players and Tuckey, but he has done almost nothing good since the early summer. E. J. David has played well this year, and so has Ritchie at times. My list ends with two players, Sherwood and Meredith, who, had they more opportunities for play, would be much higher up in the list. I look to Shayes, Butler, McPhail, and Billington to show a further advance in 1938, and with confidence.

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By Ronald T. Symond

London, Jan. 5. Tickets for reserved seats at the final Test match, to be played between England and Australia at the Oval, starting on August 29, are now on offer to the general public.

Mr. C. B. Ross, purser of the Empress of Asia, expressed on behalf of Captain Gould, commander of the Empress of Asia, and the ship's complement, appreciation for the kindly gesture of Thornycroft, to be competed for between the "White Emperors."

At half time, in the presence of C.P.R. officials, Mr. Roxburgh presented the cup to the ships.

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Mr. J. A. Moir, of the Empress of Japan, thanked Thornycroft through Mr. Roxburgh for its sporting interest.

The Empress of Japan defeated the Empress of Asia 3-2. This was the first leg in the competition. The cup remains in Hongkong until the ship's team scoring the highest number of goals in one match can claim possession.

No applications are considered unless made on this appropriate form, and no single purchaser may buy more than four seals for any one day.

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RECEIPTS IN 1934

Gate receipts during the last Australian tour in England (1934) were as follows:

Nottingham	£14,569	14	6
Lord's	23,225	0	0
Manchester	16,227	11	11
Leeds	15,633	5	0
Oval	18,658	0	0

A grand total of £68,313 12s. 5d. was thus obtained, and each first-class county received approximately £1,500. Those clubs on whose grounds the matches were played received proportionately larger sums.

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MY four months in Spanish rebel territory, spent near the battle fronts and in the towns behind, enable me to write with some accuracy on the organisation of the forces commanded by General Franco.

Altogether, there are about 500,000 men in the service of the rebels.

They include Italians, Germans, some Frenchmen and a few Britons, as well as Spaniards and Moors.

CHARACTERISTIC of the ITALIANS is that they alone in Franco's army are not assimilated by the Spanish and other units.

They wear Italian uniforms and have Italian equipment, arms supplies and sanitary services.

Not only are they independent in their command but the Italian soldier himself does not come in any way under the control of the Spanish authorities.

Thus you will see in the same railway carriage that Spanish inspectors, in civilian dress, will ask even a Spanish captain for his papers to see whether he is rejoining his corps in time, but will not

submit a private to any control if he belongs to the Italian troops.

This difference of treatment often creates discontent among the Spaniards.

When they occupy a village, Italian troops substitute Italian posters for Spanish, so that a newcomer might easily believe he is watching big Italian manoeuvres. Halting stations in the Italian zone are entirely under their orders. Under the name of the station one reads, "Commandantia, Italiana," with the number of the division and the company.

As for the munition depots, the Italians never leave them under the guard of Spaniards, because they do not trust them.

There is the same spirit in their aviation. While the German pilots are divided among the Spanish squadrons, the Italian aviation section consists entirely of Italian machines and pilots.

Aerodromes where their machines are kept are exclusively under Italian command. From nearby villages, where officers,

non-commissioned officers and mechanics are billeted, cars leave each day at stated times taking everyone to work.

Normally they do not get up early. Reveille is at 7 a.m. From 8 a.m. the cars take successively non-commissioned officers, officers and mechanics. They return at 12.15 to eat and leave again at 2, returning at 6 p.m., their day over. During the night, shifts undertake guard duty.

How many Italians are there? I estimate about 120,000, divided into four autonomous complete divisions, plus one division, "the Black Arrows," volunteers of the Italian Fascio, whose losses have been filled by Spaniards, now making about 30 per cent. of the total.

SITUATION OF THE GERMAN TROOPS is quite different. They have sent only technicians, teachers and pilots, who are scattered throughout General Franco's army. One may say that no German troops have participated in the operations, but their role in the army services is considerable.

All the wireless and transmission systems are controlled by the Germans. Material and staff is almost wholly German. The same with the anti-aircraft and anti-tank defence which is entirely in their hands.

The instruction of cadets, future officers in the Spanish rebel army, is given by German tutors. After two months training, they stage a march past, each section having at its head the German officer who has been its instructor.

How many Germans are there? Roughly 20,000, scattered all over the country, even in the espionage and counter-espionage services.

Not only are there Germans and Italians fighting for Rebel Spain. A few ENGLISH—only a very small number—and about

2,000 FRENCH are also on Franco's side.

Most of the Frenchmen—ex-Servicemen—are attached to the Foreign Legion or the Régiment (Carlist Monarchs).

The FOREIGN LEGION and the MOORS have formed the shock troops in the principal engagements of the civil war.

The Legion has not more than 15,000 men divided into banderas of about 1,000 men. These banderas, which have been put severely to the test, have had to be reformed four times and, even so, the recruiting cannot make up for the losses.

The Legion has not more than 40 per cent. of volunteers, including foreigners, the rest being composed of Spaniards who prefer to join the Legion, where the pay is three pesetas a day, about 10d., as against one-half peseta in the ordinary army.

THE new situation has taken away from the Legion its character of a first-class corps, and the military instruction, which is very severe, produces a state of mind which makes the command consider the Foreign Legion unreliable, some members even showing sympathy for the Loyalists.

Moorish troops have always been the best fighters in the Army. But they have been thinned out. It is estimated that 70,000 have been killed, wounded or evacuated since the war began.

Franco's SPANISH troops are of three kinds: the RÉGIMENTS, the PHALANGISTS (Fascists) and the regular ARMY.

The two first are, in principle, composed of volunteers. This was true at the beginning of hostilities, but now, to make up their losses, young men who would normally be called to the Army by conscription have been incorporated with them.

If they are townsmen, clerks or workmen, they become Phalangists. If they are peasants they join the Régiments.

RÉGIMENTS number 80,000. In the first line are those over 18; in the second line the youth which is being prepared for war.

The Phalangists number 45,000, ten per cent. of them being volunteers, the rest conscripts.

About 150,000 men of the regular Army complete the half-million troops on whom the Rebel Spanish authorities can rely.



Nazis Look East

by Dr. Gustav Winter

Paris correspondent of "Pravo Lidu" (The People's Rights) daily paper of the Czechoslovak Social Democratic Party. Map shows German and Hungarian areas of Czechoslovakia.

In the German Press we are told that the German minority of 3,250,000 in Czechoslovakia is ill-treated—ill-treated so scandalously that only the complete internal reorganisation of the country, and the granting of autonomy to the German areas, can assuage the wrath of the Third Reich.

That is the German Press. Here are the facts:

The Germans in Czechoslovakia have three Ministers in the Cabinet. They have complete equality of language. Their supply of schools is greater than their proportionate strength in the whole population.

The number of their Parliamentary Deputies corresponds exactly to the Germans' proportionate numerical strength in the whole population.

And the Germans in Czechoslovakia control a large number of their own newspapers.

Germany is not wrathful at the condition of the German minority in Southern Tyrol which is being Italianised with British help. Germany has recently signed with Poland an agreement for the mutual protection of minorities which does not grant the German minority in Poland one-tenth of the rights which the Germans in Czechoslovakia have always enjoyed.

Such grievances as the German minority held justifiably—chiefly those concerned the extent to which Germans were employed in the Civil Service—were dealt with by an agreement between the Government and the German democratic parties last February.

The conclusion is obvious: the alleged grievances of the German minority in Czechoslovakia are only a pretext for the Nazi's plans of expansion.

I am often asked in London or Paris how Czechoslovakia puts up with the fire-eating threats of a "settling of accounts" uttered by the German Press.

So far as any country can prepare itself against possible attack, Czechoslovakia is prepared. But, after the experiences of Abyssinia and Spain, it

is obvious that a Czechoslovak war would rapidly develop into European struggle.

Even if the League of Nations again failed at collective action, France could not keep out "Non-intervention" here would be suicidal for her.

And Soviet Russia knows well enough that by attacking Czechoslovak territory Germany would be forcing a way to the Ukraine.

These are facts not to be denied. Recent history confirms each one of them. European peace was not assured, remember, by the immediate post-war difficulties of Austria, Hungary, and the Little Entente States.

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That menace appeared only when Italy and Germany began to intervene in Central Europe—when through totalitarian pressure, democratic institutions everywhere were undermined.

And now, as the last outpost of democracy in Central Europe, Czechoslovakia is the butt of Germany's main attack.

Inside the Republic there is Hitler's Sudeten German Party, which in outlook, methods and financial resources is nothing but branch of the National Socialist Party of Germany. Across the German frontier the attacks on Czechoslovak democracy grow more violent.

But we have reason for self-confidence, too, now that the real public opinion in Rumania and Yugoslavia is on the side of Czechoslovakia.

And here is something still more remarkable. During the negotiations started by Hungary with the Little Entente for the purpose of facilitating a general settlement, for the first time no reference has been made to frontier revisions.

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Public opinion in Hungary is showing willingness to reach an agreement with Czechoslovakia. For Hungary, too, is beginning to feel the menace of German expansion.

Economic relations between the Central European countries are also improving. In spite of all the efforts to transform them into appendages to Germany and Italy, the Central European States are becoming consolidated and recognising their mutual interdependence.

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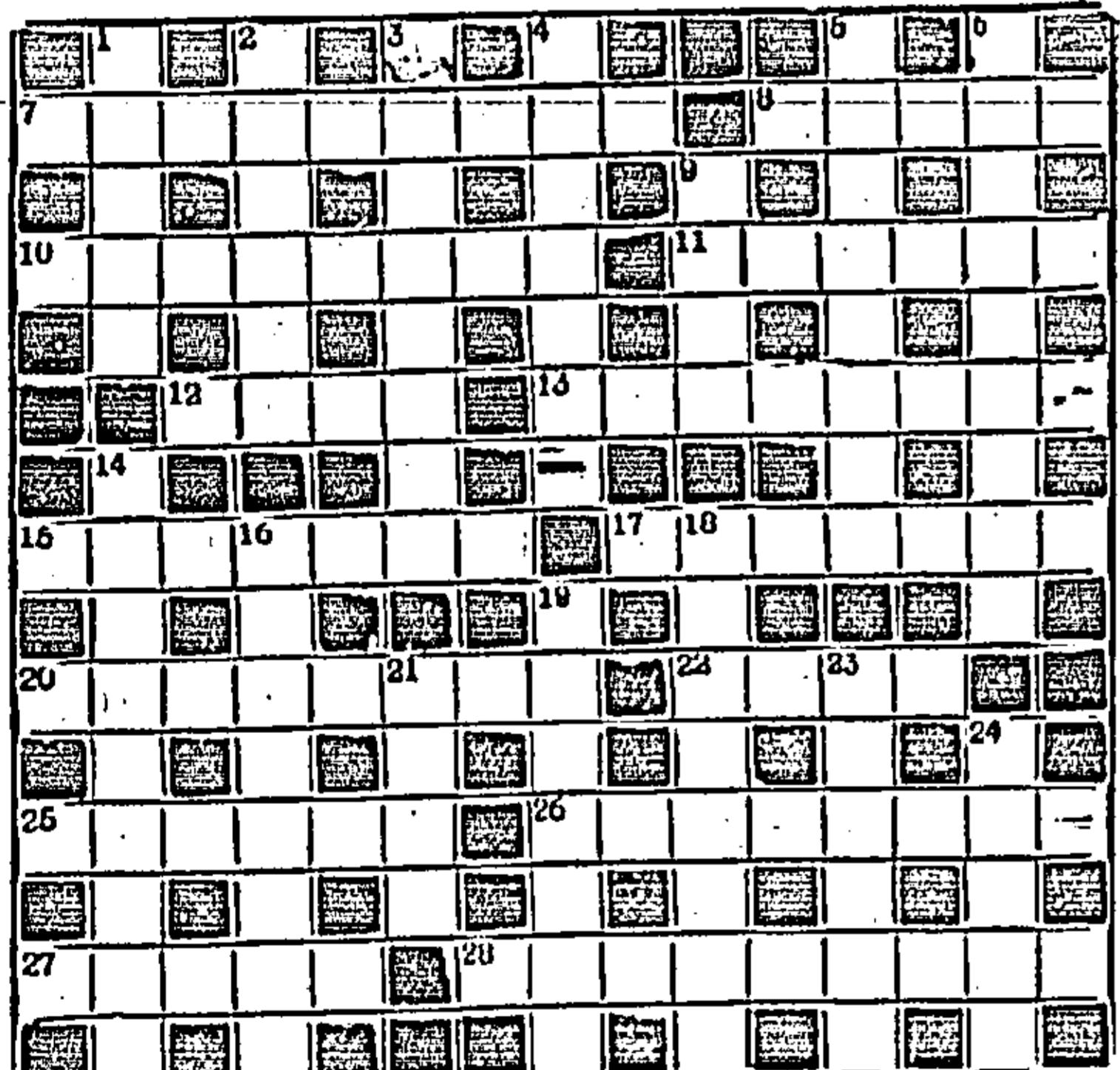
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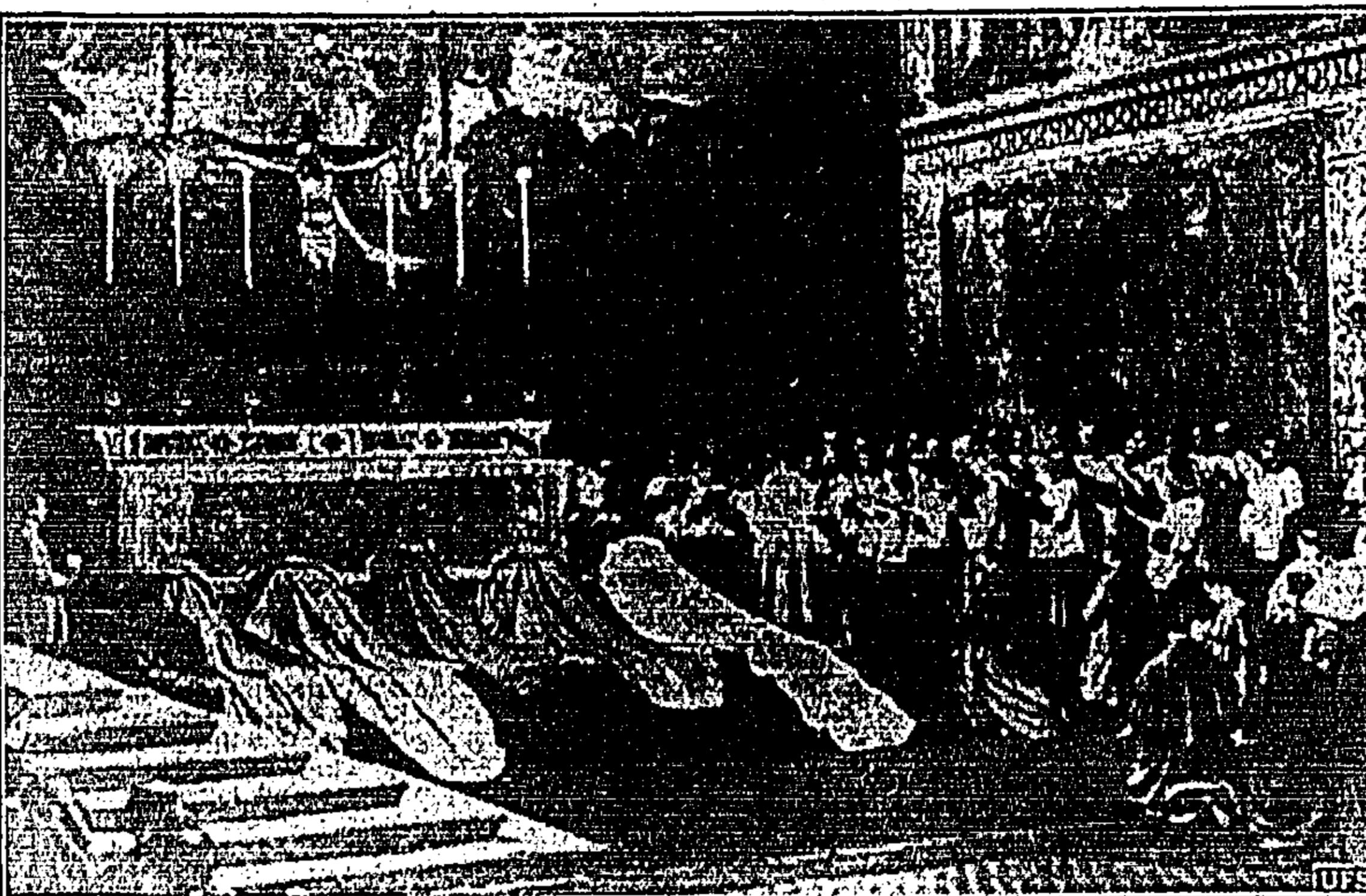
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- 7 Apparently this sort of biscuit is satisfying (9).
- 8 An artist made an offer, furious (3).
- 10 This musical note might be anybody's fancy (8).
- 11 A little fellow starts to call in question (6).
- 12 A poet is dull being upset (4).
- 13 Ancestors that suggest a Zoo enclosure (8).
- 15 Cloth for an umbrella perhaps (7).
- 17 No, this official has not the power to let man out on his head (7).
- 20 Feeble-mindedness (8).
- 22 Artists often draw this spot in Ireland (4).
- 23 Canopy, coln, or car expert from the street (6).
- 26 Beneficial (8).
- 27 "This precious — set in the silver sea — this England" ("Richard II") (5).
- 28 Boats perhaps the hunter's skill (9).

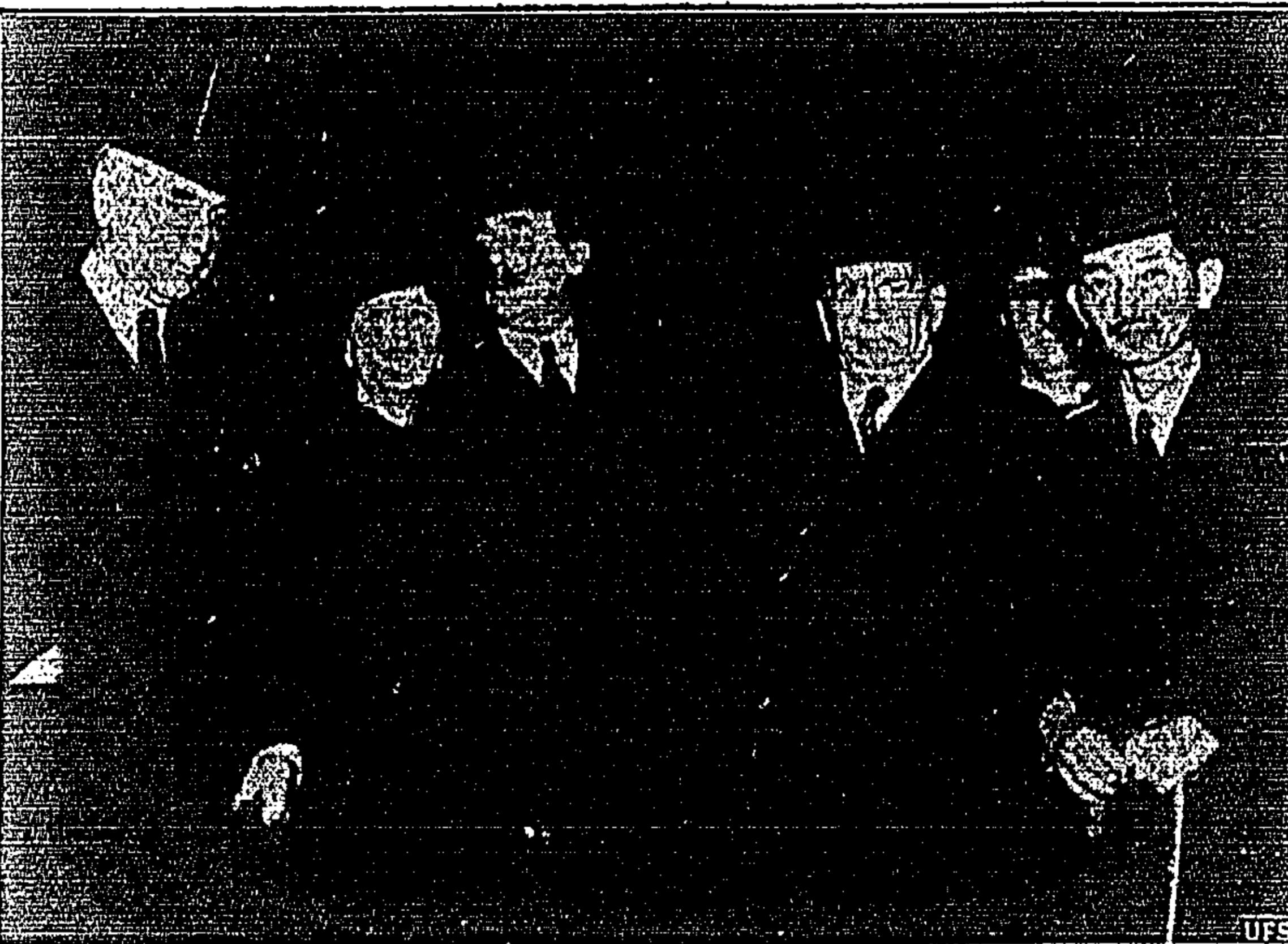
DOWN

- 1 This sort of musical note is the making of musical instruments (3).
- 2 Artisan, or racehorse (4).
- 3 These creatures can live on land or in the water (8).
- 4 It is one of the family's little quadrals that is the making of this quadruped (7).

NEWS IN PHOTOGRAPHS



FIVE NEW PRINCES—This scene is in the Sistine Chapel, Vatican City, as five new Cardinals were before the altar in the ceremony in which they received their red hats from the Pope. They were: Adelodato Piazza, Ermenegildo Pellegrinetti, Arthur Hinsley, Giuseppe Pizzardo and Pierre Gerlier. Cardinal Hinsley is the Archbishop of Westminster, England.



DIPLOMATS AT KELLOGG RITES—High American and foreign diplomats were present at the funeral of the late Frank B. Kellogg, former Secretary of State and Ambassador to Great Britain, in Washington Cathedral. Among them, shown above, were: Secretary of State and Mrs. Cordell Hull; Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador; Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper and Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Saito. They are shown leaving the Cathedral.



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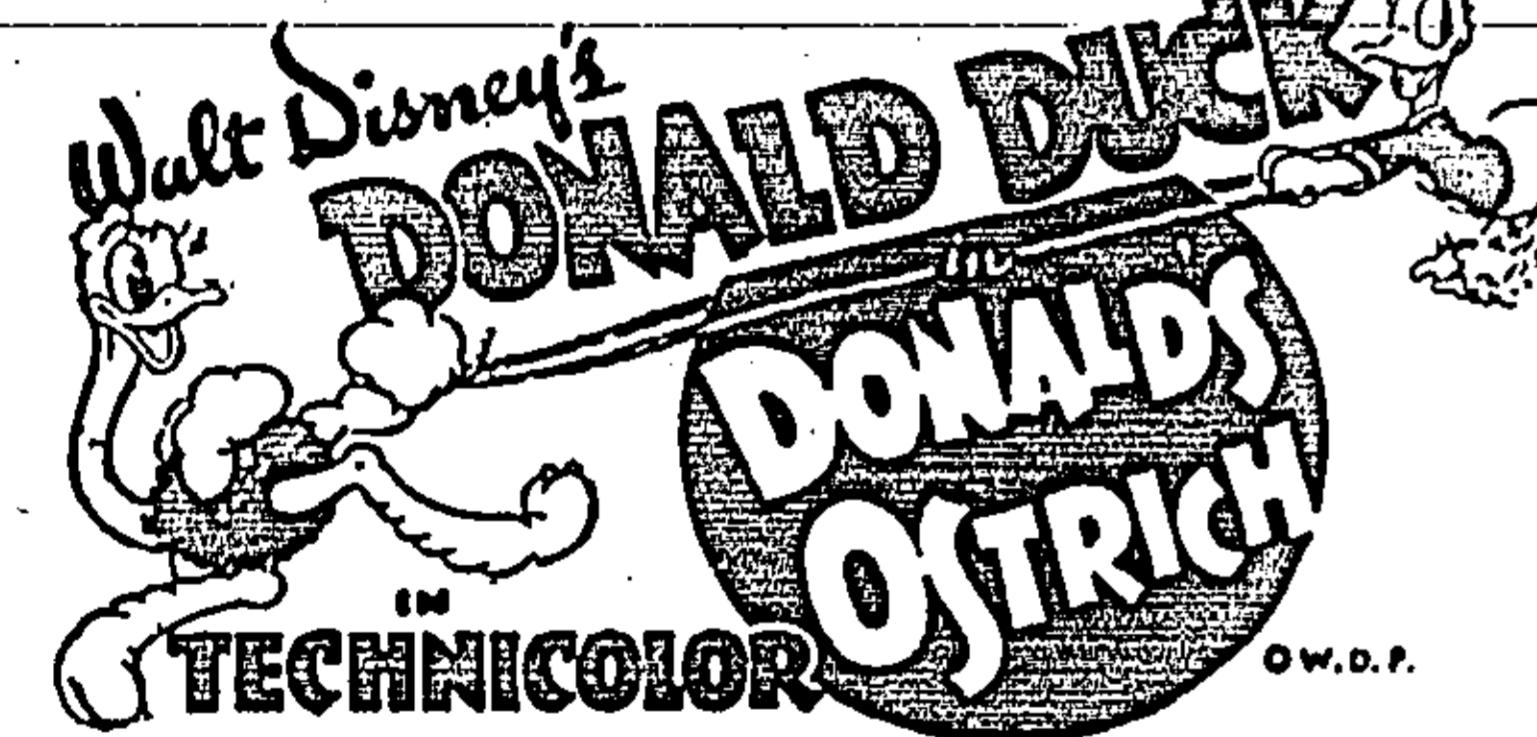
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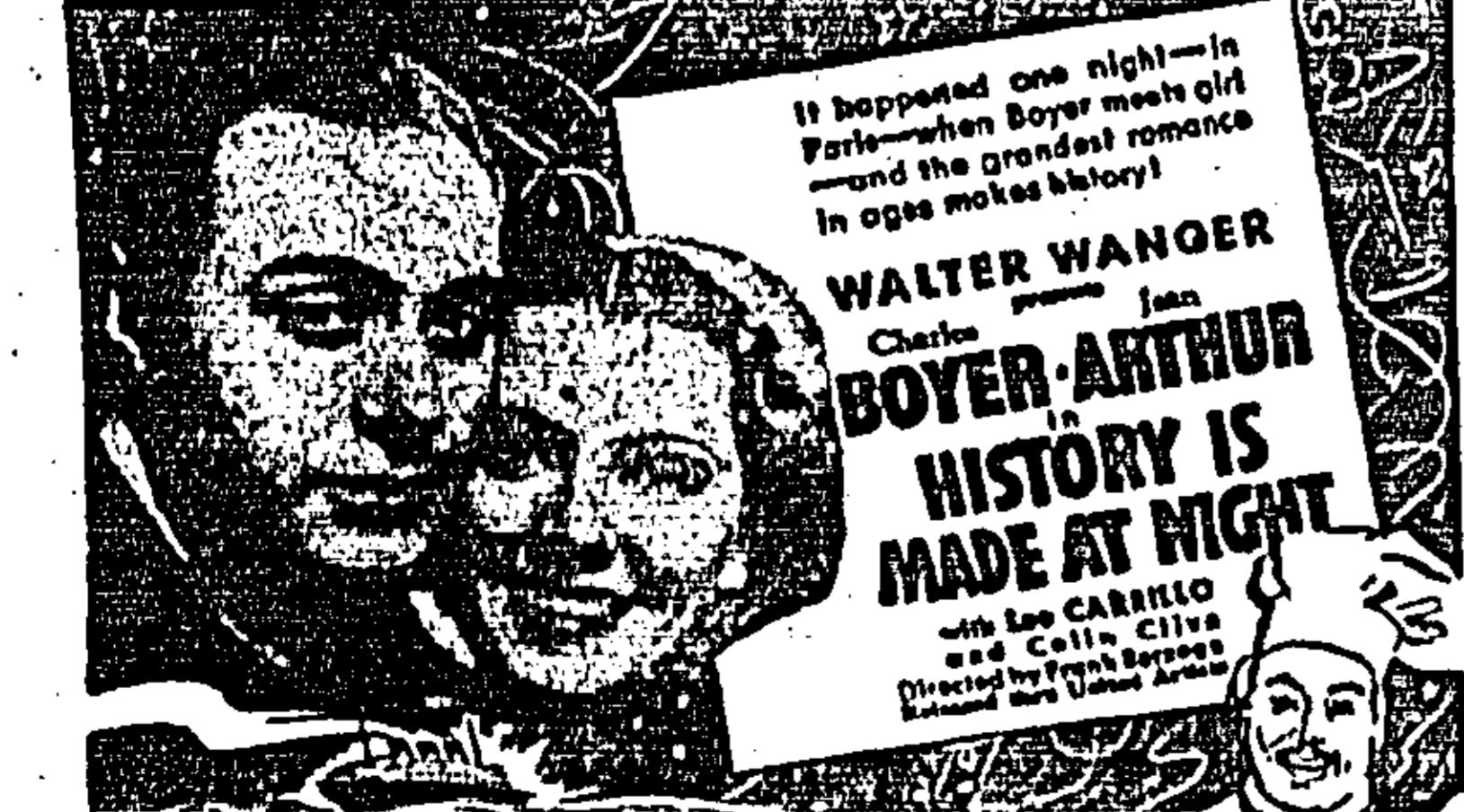
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Senator Warns Democracies

Washington, Feb. 8. Senator Key Pittman tenaciously read to the Senate today Mr. Cordell Hull's letter, which stated: "The answer is No!" referring to each of the three questions contained in Senator Hilary Johnson's resolution as to whether there was an understanding or agreement with Britain, whether there was an alliance with any Power, and whether there was an agreement to use the American navy or an agreement for the navy to patrol certain waters in a certain contingency.

Senator Pittman then moved that the resolution be withdrawn, and Senator Johnson said: "I consider the matter answered, but I do not desire to withdraw."

As a result of this the Senate indefinitely postponed the resolution, which was tantamount to killing it.

DICTATORS CONDEMNED

Earlier on in an unusually frank discussion on international affairs, Senator Pittman said that "world conditions are progressively becoming worse. So-called authorities have been consolidating and strengthening their war instrumentalities and democratic nations have been progressively retreating with every indication of pacific fear. The continuation of such courses would have the inevitable result of continued conquests and ultimate war, in which the so-called democracies would be at a disadvantage."

Senator Pittman charged that world conditions had become worse since the Japanese military clique seized by "arbitrary power and violence", and he said that Japan was "avowing" a definite answer to neutral construction enquiries. The denial that Japan was planning to build 43,000-ton battleships did not mean that she would not build 42,000 tonners.

Senator Pittman said that the invasion of Manchuria, together with the anti-Comintern Pact, the Fascist co-operation for General Franco in Spain, as well as the Japanese request for the largest war appropriation in history, showed how the dictators were consolidating their war instruments.—United Press.

MR. HULL'S DENIAL

Washington, Feb. 8. Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in a letter to Senator Key Pittman, denied that the United States had any agreement with Britain "relating to war or the possibility of war." He also denied that the United States was bound by any Power in connection with the operations of the United States.

Senator Pittman read the letter to the Senate.—Reuter.

Singapore Naval Base Satisfies

Accommodation Is Sufficient

London, Feb. 8. Can the Singapore Naval Base accommodate three 50,000 ton battleships at the same time, was the speculative question put by Mr. R. T. Gorme at question time in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, in reply, said that so far as he was aware, no vessels of that type existed. While it would not be in the public interest to publish details, the British Government was satisfied that the accommodation at Singapore was sufficient for the demands likely to be made on it.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATS' RECEPTION IS CANCELLED

Berlin, Feb. 8. Baron von Neurath's annual reception to the diplomatic corps, fixed for next Sunday and Monday, has been suddenly cancelled.

The official reason is that the reception clashed with other arrangements.—Reuter.

NON-INTERVENTION WORK SPEED-UP

London, Feb. 8. Possible acceleration in the progress of the Non-Intervention Committee, it is understood, will be discussed to-day, when Lord Plymouth, now separately at the Foreign Office, M. Corbin of France, Sir Guy Grandi of Italy and M. Ivan Maisky of Russia, Lord Plymouth will see the German Charge d'Affaires to-morrow, and the Non-Intervention Sub-Committee will meet on Friday or early next week.—Reuter.

CHINESE GENERAL GIVES OUTLINE OF CHINA'S NEW WAR STRATEGIES

Hankow, Feb. 9.

General Chou En-lai, famed "go-between" for Communists and Central Government armies, described to the press to-day the changed Chinese strategy and foretold a period of wild and dispersed warfare not aimed at defending Hsichow but preventing the Japanese from consolidating their positions along the coast and on the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

FOREIGN POLICY IS UNAFFECTED

German Assurances To France

Paris, Feb. 8.

It is understood that the German Ambassador to Paris has informed M. Yvon Delbos that the recent reforms in Germany implied no change in Germany's foreign policy.

The President of the French Foreign Affairs Committee stated that he could see nothing to be alarmed over in the change in the German Government, and added that it was doing what Britain, France, the Soviet and other nations had done: in other words to institute a concentration of authority.—Reuter.

GENERAL CHOU EN-LAI

The Chinese plan envisages the following moves:

- With a strong but not large defending force at Hsichow they will draw the enemy's attention and disperse his strength;

- They will march a strong force into position in the rear of the enemy and in order to prevent his marching on Hsichow will cut his supply lines;

- They will organise mobile units to locate and keep contact with the Japanese forces for the purpose of learning the point of attack at Hsichow;

- They will organise the masses of the people to retard the Japanese by attacking small garrisons;

- Since the Japanese strength is centred along the Tientsin-Pukow railway, all fronts are now synchronised with the defence lines in that sector so as to divide attention and make difficult an attack at any one point.

General Chou says the Central Government aims at defeating the attacking forces in the north-west, around Ninghsia, in the south-west, or in Kwangtung, where Chinese troops are at present sufficient. Thus the Japanese would be diverted to save their expeditions in other spheres and their strength on the Tientsin-Pukow line might suffer.

This railway must be held by every means at China's disposal, he says. China plans to wage war on every front.

EXPECTS ANOTHER MEDIATION ATTEMPT

General Chou declared that although previous Japanese attempts to obtain mediation had failed "to some extent", he believed if Hsichow fell mediation feelers would again be sent out.

He claimed the Japanese have 100,000 men on the Tientsin-Pukow railway line, consisting of four divisions and a few brigades, and that they are at present trying to encircle Hsichow area, not capture it.

The Japanese are also aiming at Ninghsia, using Mongolian cavalry and planes, in an attempt to cut China's main line of supplies from Sinkiang, he added.—United Press.

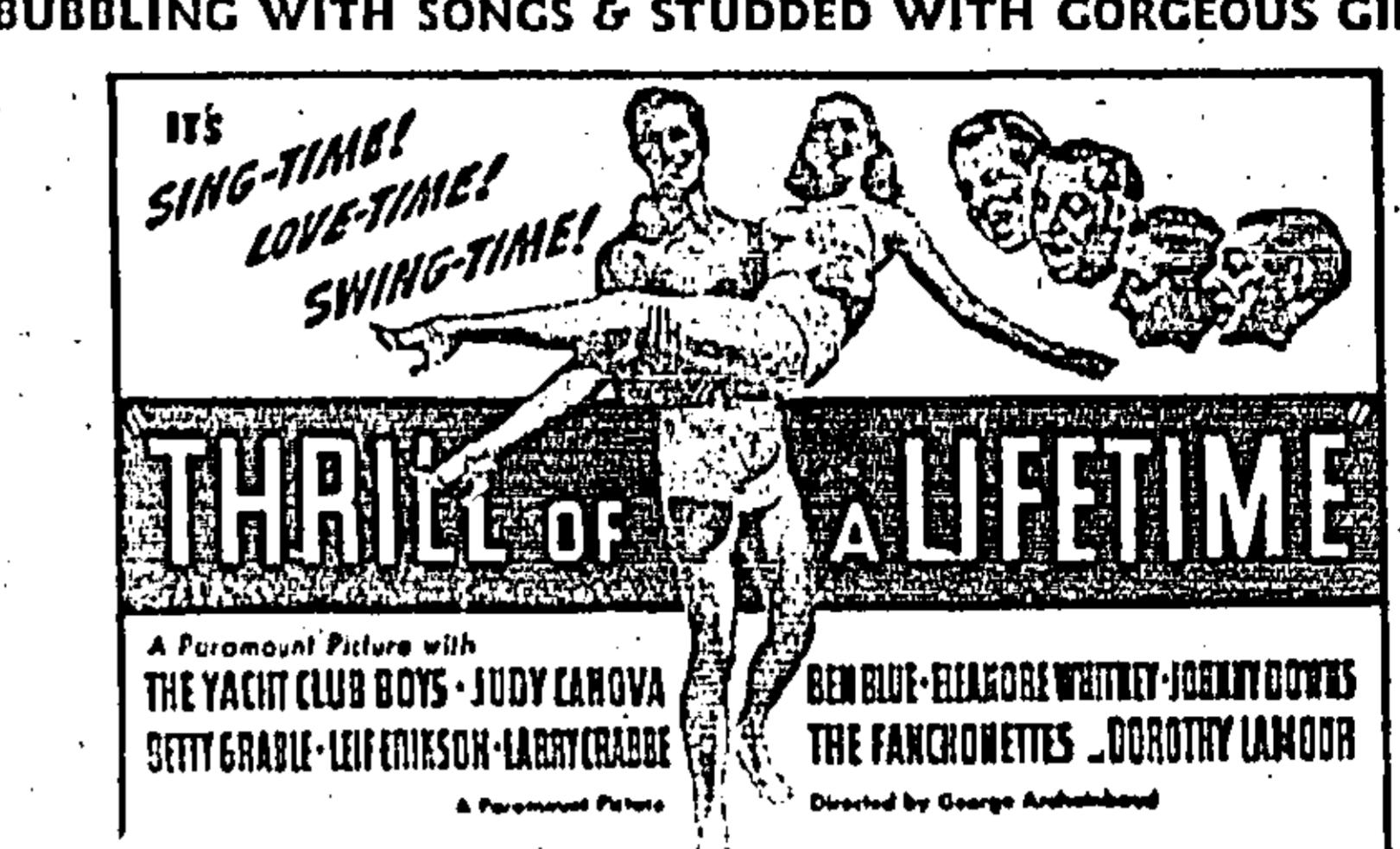
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THANKLESS THIEF GOES TO GAOL

NEW GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Washington, Feb. 8. Lam Muk-kwai, 17, who had been given a job by the police after he had been a thief, was sentenced to gaol by the Court when he had been charged with theft.

A further 37 cases reported during the 48 hours ending midnight yesterday brings the total since the beginning of the year to 229 out of 323 cases reported. Last week's mortality rate was particularly high, there being 88 deaths out of 101 cases reported.

Again, practically all of last week's cases occurred in the residential areas of Victoria. Eighty-eight cases were reported from the district, twelve from Kowloon and two each from Shaukiwan, Aberdeen and the New Territories.

A further 37 cases reported during the 48 hours ending midnight yesterday brings the total since the beginning of the year to 300.

Fourteen cases of diphtheria, with nine deaths; eleven cases of meningitis, with four deaths; five cases of dysentery with three deaths; five cases of typhoid, five cases of measles and one case of chickenpox were also reported last week.

28 CASES YESTERDAY

A further 28 cases of small-pox were reported during the 24 hours ending midnight to-day. Twenty-three of these were from Victoria, three from Kowloon and two from Shaukiwan.

"GOOD LUCK" WISH BY OPPOSITION TO EIRE GOVERNMENT

Dublin, Feb. 8. The annual convention of the Cosgrave Party will be held in private. It is understood that this will be done in order to avoid embarrassing the Eire Government in its present negotiations with the British Government.

One of the first motions on the agenda of the convention is the wishing of every success to the governments in their negotiations.

Reuter.

LOTTERY TICKETS BRING FINE

A fine of \$2 was imposed on Wong Ho, 35, unemployed, by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when charged with possession of po-piu lottery tickets.

Washington, Feb. 8. Detective-Sergeant J. Bentley said after defendant had been bound over by the Court for a previous offence, he had been recommended to Dr. Wong. Defendant's downfall had been brought about by his fondness for gambling.

Lam was sentenced to a month's hard labour for the larceny, and to a week's hard labour on each of the pawning charges, the terms to be served concurrently, and to another month's hard labour for breaking his bond.

—United Press.

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